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Spary Denies He Is "Passing The Buck"

The Kremlin
Boys Meet

To Kwok Kwong

CROSS-EXAMINED AGAIN THIS MORNING

Absent Witness Returns: Ordered Before Court

A suggestion by Crown Counsel that he was hiding his responsibility behind Kwok Kwong and that he was "passing the buck" to Kwok as far as he could was denied by Austin Spary, 50, Electrical Inspector, Grade I, Public Works Department, when his cross-examination was continued before Mr Justice Reynolds at the Criminal Sessions this morning, the twenty-first day of the trial.

Spary, together with Kwok, is charged on a total of eleven counts of larceny of Government property, obtaining money by false pretences from the steward of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, and conspiracy to defraud the Government of money.

When the trial resumed this morning, Mr Hooton informed the Court that Mr R. Harris (a prosecution witness who had not been available to give evidence personally in Court, owing to his departure on leave to Australia) had returned over the week-end, and was therefore available if the Court thought fit to call him.

Mr Justice Reynolds: The Court has power to call any witness and it will do so if it thinks it is in the interest of the accused. If either Mr Chen or Mr D'Alton wishes to cross-examine Mr Harris, I will call him for that purpose.

Mr Chen: Subject to what the Court may rule, in the first place I do not know whether there are any authorities for even the Court to call Mr Harris to be cross-examined by us at this stage, the prosecution case having closed. Mr Harris having been made a witness for the prosecution by the reading of his depositions. If Mr Harris' depositions had not been read, and he was what is known as a witness on the back of the indictment, I submit that the Court or myself or my learned friend would have the right to ask the Court to put him in the box, in which case he would be a witness for the defence. My learned friend for the

Crown would then have the opportunity of re-examining him. But inasmuch as Mr Harris is a witness for the prosecution then I do not think it would be proper, apart from being prejudicial or not for him to be called by the Court. I certainly do not think it is in my power to request the Court to call him at this stage.

COURT'S JURISDICTION

His Lordship: The Court has jurisdiction to call any witnesses at any stage of the proceedings. I would be prepared to exercise that power if it is thought to be in the interest of your client or of Mr D'Alton.

Mr Chen: I propose to comment very strongly to the jury on the fact of Harris' absence from the Colony and his return to the Colony after the case for the prosecution had closed.

Mr D'Alton: I associate myself with the views of my learned friend, Mr Chen. I might also remark that I am even in a more delicate position because my client is in the box at this stage. He has given his evidence on the CPA aspect of the matter and any witness coming in now knows what the defence is, so that the position is quite hopeless.

His Lordship: I take it that neither Mr Chen nor yourself is requesting for this witness to be called.

Mr D'Alton: May I suggest that the Court call Mr Harris to say whether he left the Colony without the permission of the Police. I think he left on the day the pleas were taken.

Mr Chen: Yes, my Lord. Let him say why he went and where he went. We don't want anything from the Police on this.

Mr Hooton: May I say that one takes every precaution to see that a witness appears. He signs a recognisance and one would normally take the proper action on that unless there is any particular reason. His Lordship: I think perhaps Mr Harris should be called and say why he left the Colony.

Mr Chen: No imputation is being made so far as my learned friend the Crown is concerned.

CROSS-EXAMINATION

Continuing his cross-examination of Spary, Crown Counsel further questioned him on the work carried out at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club. Spary agreed that the labour was probably included among the materials in the bill that was presented, and an arrangement had been made to include labour in the bill. He said he had told Kwok Kwong to arrange to use Government men in "stand-off" time, and Kwok had replied that he would include the labour in the bill.

Mr Hooton: So in the case of the Yacht Club you gave him definite instructions to include labour in the bill, but not in this case?

Spary: I asked him to supply the materials and use Government men in non-Government time. Obviously it would be included in the bill. You did not see fit in this case to give him definite instructions?—I cannot recall that I gave him definite instructions.

But the inclusion of the labour in the materials had your full approval?

—I did not scrutinise this bill item by item.

Does it now have your approval?—I cannot say.

Don't you agree with me, it is a very peculiar way of doing things?—I don't think it is peculiar in this respect. He states here (in the bill) materials and labour.

It would have been a more simple way and a more straightforward way, don't you agree, if there had been two accounts, one for materials and one for labour?—I don't think there is any difference one way or another so long as it is included in the bill.

NO DIFFICULTY

There would have been no difficulty in your asking for the preparation of a separate bill from Kwok Kwong, showing so many men for so many hours?—I don't think there would have been any difficulty.

And the officials of the Bowling Green would have known the true position?—They would know, the labour had come from a separate concern to the materials?—I told the members.

There could have been no doubt about it had they had a separate bill?—I got the bill and accepted it as labour included.

Mr Thompson has said the officials understood the work was being done by a contractor?—It was explained in the bar to several Committee members.

Mr Thompson is the Treasurer of the Club isn't he? And he told the Court he would not have paid the cheque had he not believed the work was being done by outside men?—We have the Secretary and the Treasurer both under the impression that an electrical contractor had done this work?—I discussed the arrangement in the Club with the members of the Committee and they seemed to be satisfied.

Mr McKelvie, the President, has come forward. So three principal officers of the Club are not telling the truth, that's what it amounts to?—Well, if they were not there, I think I have a recollection there was a discussion at the bar.

Nonetheless the Treasurer would not have approved the bill except that he understood the work was being done by an outside contractor?—He could not have been present at the discussion in the bar.

THEY SEEMED SCARED

So there is not a single other Committee member who can support your story?—When I approached them they all said "I know nothing." "I heard nothing at all." They all seemed scared to come forward.

You are on friendly terms with all the three principal officials?—Yes. You are suggesting they are conspiring to give damaging evidence against you?—I did not suggest that at all.

It was the most important part of the arrangement, according to you, that Government workmen should be used in non-Government time?—It was this much important. They came to me. They could have gone to anyone else.

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19 Die In Bus Accident

Constance, Feb. 6.—Nineteen young people on a skiffing tour were killed and 20 injured when a bus, travelling from Radolfzell, left the road at a steep hairpin bend, the German news agency, DPA, reported tonight.

The party was on its way from Radolfzell, at the head of the southwestern arm of Lake Constance, to Feldberg, the highest point of the Black Forest. The bus turned over and over as it pitched down a slope after leaving the road.—Reuter.

Ship's Officer Badly Hurt In Head-On Crash

Mr A. R. P. Foxley, an officer on board the ss Eastern Trader, is in Kowloon Hospital suffering from a suspected fracture of the skull as the result of a motor collision which occurred in Nathan Road near Kimberley Road shortly before 10 o'clock last night. Mr Foxley was riding a motorcycle and crashed head-on into a car driven by Dr E. Szeto, Port Medical Officer.

It appears that a car driven by Mr F. M. Britto, of 36, Hillwood Road, was proceeding along Nathan Road from the direction of the Star Ferry and stopped in preparation to turn right into Kimberley Road. The stop was necessary as there were three cars approaching from the opposite direction at the time.

The cars were still passing when the motorcycle, driven by Mr Foxley, passed Mr Britto's stationary vehicle and crashed into Dr Szeto's car.

The cycle was badly damaged and the front part of the car was smashed.

An ambulance was despatched to the scene and Mr Foxley was removed to the Kowloon Hospital where he was detained.

EDITORIAL

Go Back To Nanking

WHILE Communist armies are festering on the northern banks of the Yangtze, the Nationalist Government is wrangling among itself and is physically split to the point where the acting President and a few of his close colleagues remain in Nanking, while the rest are making a pretence of establishing themselves in Canton. Superficially, at least, it appears that the prospects of a negotiated peace have all but faded into oblivion. Yet the signs remain characteristically Chinese, and to write off as completely lost all chances of a peace conference capable of yielding practical and beneficial results, would be to misunderstand those signs. In some respects, the Communists at the moment are hedging even more than the Nationalists. The impression that their armies could invest Nanking when and how they liked is beginning to lose substance. Certainly, if the Nationalist defenders cared to fight intelligently and with a will they could make any crossing of the Yangtze an extremely costly business, and it is probable Mao Tse-tung appreciates this to the full; hence the hesitancy in supporting his unconditional surrender demands with a further display of military might. Moreover, the Communists' propaganda is showing signs of uncertainty. One moment it thunders demands and threats, the next it cajoles and pleads. This, of course, may be a deliberate part of a war of nerves; on the other hand it may well indicate that the Reds are not so confident of themselves as they would wish the world to believe. They are still hankering after the regional peace pact idea which they exploited very cleverly and successfully in the

north, but the military position so far as the Yangtze is concerned is not quite the same and it would, in fact, from the Nationalists' point of view, have to deteriorate considerably before the Government needs consider seriously a local peace pact involving Nanking and Shanghai. It is this aspect of the existing civil war situation that makes the withdrawal of the Nationalist Cabinet to Canton rather deplorable. Apart from the wisdom of attempting to maintain administrative functions from so remote a city, the timing of the move is bad. It cannot help Li Tsung-jen in his endeavours to get the Communists to the conference table to work out a practical and honourable peace, and it promotes among observers the impression that the Cabinet is panicking—at a time when it needs to summon all its dignity and to set an example of quiet courage and fortitude to the people it purports to represent. The flight of the Cabinet to Canton is unquestionably a sign of weakness. Its members could at least have waited for the outcome of the six-man peace mission to Peiping before indulging in such precipitous action. To imagine that Mao Tse-tung's original eight points are the last words the Communists are prepared to consider in negotiating with the Nationalists seems to represent an immature appreciation of the limits of diplomatic bargaining. The best thing Dr Sun Fo and his fellow members of the Cabinet can do is to return to Nanking by the first available plane. It would help to boost morale among the Yangtze and would be a clear sign to the Communists that the Nationalist Government is not to be cowed by idle threats, and that if the Reds genuinely desire peace, they must offer some acceptable conditions.



Russia's leaders gather in the Bolshoi theatre, Moscow, to hear P. N. Pospelov, Pravda editor, call this the "century of Communism, NOT of Wall Street. Meeting commemorated 25th anniversary of the death of Lenin. Left to right: G. M. Malenkov, vice chairman of the Council of Ministers; Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov; Marshal N. A. Bulganin, Minister of the armed forces; Marshal K. E. Voroshilov; G. M. Popov, a secretary of the Communist party; Premier Josef V. Stalin; L. P. Beria, Minister of Internal Security; P. K. Panomarenko, secretary of the Communist party; N. M. Shvernik, President of the Presidium of Supreme Soviet of the USSR, and M. F. Shkiryatov, member of the central committee and one of the oldest members of the Soviet party.—AP Picture.

Unofficial Peace Mission Arrives At Peiping

Shanghai, Feb. 7.—Nanking's local peace delegation now in Peiping is out in front in a three-way race to grab the initiative to try to get the Chinese Reds to sit down at a peace table and begin bargaining on some sort of a truce or an end to the civil war.

The Government's official delegation is still sitting idly by in Nanking while awaiting some official response from Mao Tse-tung. President Li Tsung-jen's appeal of a fortnight ago, Mao, as far as was known, made no attempt to offer a single crumb of hope to the Nationalist camp, which, like the peace drive, is split open into three fronts. President Li and some of his advisers are still in Nanking. Premier Sun Fo and his Cabinet ministers arrived in Canton. A big part of the Legislative Yuan members is in Shanghai.

A third peace group, Shanghai's Municipal—bearers of the olive branch, likewise is sitting by waiting for new developments in which they can obtain red permission to fly to Peiping.

UTMOST SECRECY

No veteran observer of the China political scene is willing to predict what is likely to happen in the near future either on the peace or fighting fronts.

Nanking's local delegation arrived in Peiping by plane yesterday afternoon and was whisked into the city, leaving five Chinese correspondents stranded at the airfield. They were denied permission to go into the town. The United Press correspondent, Michael Keon, reported from Peiping that any peace talks to be held in Peiping will take place behind a screen of utmost secrecy.

The silver-winged CNAC plane which landed at the West Field was the first to set down on the spot since the Reds captured the airport on December 13.—United Press.

Refusal To Eat Egg Leads To Dispute On Sex Education

London, Feb. 6.—A 12-year-old schoolgirl refused to eat an egg last week—and launched the mothers of Britain into what threatens to be the biggest dispute yet on sex education.

The girl told her mother that she could not eat the egg, "because I know how it was made and I am frightened."

Four hundred mothers then stopped sending their girls to the school at Maltby, Yorkshire, as a protest against the sex lectures given by a woman doctor, because they were "crude and vulgar."

A Committee of Mothers was formed to fight for the purity of 11 and 12-year-old daughters.

Meanwhile, the London County Council is planning to introduce sex education "unobtrusively" into its 1,350 schools.

Under the London County Council scheme 370,000 London school children of all ages will be instructed on sex questions factually and honestly as part of their general knowledge, a LCC official said. "Our idea is to introduce the subject to the very young children in biology lessons. We'll go into

greater details when the students reach the adolescent stage.

"If a five-year-old child wants to know where he came from, he will get a straight forward answer."

A special "briefing" giving practical advice on how to handle sex education will be sent to all Managers, Governors and staffs of LCC schools. The Chairman of the Education Committee, Mrs. Malone, said: "A child who does not get a straight answer from a teacher will go elsewhere and get a crooked one."

Mrs. Malone continued: "The time has gone when teachers can stand a child in a corner, or cane him, for asking a question about sex. The implication that sex is an unclean subject is deplorable."

The LCC has given permission for sex education to be included in night school courses. In most schools outside London, the teaching of sex is left to the discretion of the Headmaster.—Reuter.



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WOMANSENSE

How Will Women Be Like, This Spring?

By VERA WINSTON



And here (on the right) is a good daytime frock designed for early spring wear under a coat but that will be very much of the new season when the weather moderates, so that it can fare forth on its own.

The fabric is a soft tweedy wool-ten in a muted purple heather belt. The utterly simple bodice is topped with a small turn-down collar, and the sleeves are winged at the underarm. The slant-wise tunic takes a deep oblique line over the pencil slim silhouette of the skirt.



HERE IS A foretaste of the new suits for Spring. This one offers a nice compromise between the tailored and the soft dressmaker type. Of fine textured gabardine in a beautiful shade of beige, it has a deep shawl collar accented by a fabric fold at the edge, with the cuffs coming in for the same treatment. The graduated contour belt is of the fabric and widens in front where it is marked by a large oval, fabric-covered buckle. The skirt has a centre seam.

An Upstairs Sitting Room

By ELEANOR ROSS

IT'S wonderful to have the house full of youngsters enjoying the holiday season, if one has it refuse, a place to get away from it all, when the going gets too noisy. That's when the upstairs sitting room or the bedroom that is a living-sleeping room, really comes into its own. But the value of such a room is apparent all through the year.

It is nice to have a room where mom and pop can spend an evening, cosily reading, listening to the radio, letter writing, playing cards, leaving the living room for the young people to entertain their friends in. And if mother wants to have the girls in for a committee meeting, why then, dad—has his refuge, and when it is his turn to have the boys in for cards, mother has her little castle.

First Step

The first step in planning a living-sleeping room is to eliminate the bedroomish atmosphere, without sacrificing any night time sleeping comfort. This is best accomplished with combination mattresses and spring-on-logs which can serve as daytime lounges, yet are easily made ready for sleeping by whisking off the covers. They can be fitted with bolsters and extra pillows, and the slipcovers can set the dominant decorative theme for the room or they can blend with the more dominant draperies. Placing the beds in a corner of the room, or end to end along one wall will leave the rest of the room free for sitting-room type of furniture.

Sectional pieces including shelves, cabinets, drawer space can be combined to fit designated wall space and are ideal both from a functional and decorative viewpoint.

A bridge table and chairs of the permanent or folding type is a must for card game addicts. Good reading desk, a magazine rack, are other accessories guaranteed to make the room a pleasant, comfortable place.

It certainly is a good way to do over the second bedroom, and it makes a nice guest room when necessary, too, as well as the ideal spot for a convalescent.

Home Survey Indicates Showers Replacing Tubs

CLEVELAND—The sit-and-soak method of bathing is slowly joining the old wooden tub in front of the kitchen stove as a thing of the past, a survey of observers on the post-war bathing scene shows.

Blame it on the war, they said. The tub is going down the drain to make way for the shower.

"During the war, people got accustomed to taking showers," Charles Jauch, secretary of the Cleveland Builders Exchange, said. "There were no tubs on dreadnoughts or in barracks for the men in service. Priorities made it difficult for civilians to get tubs."

"People learned to prefer the speed and efficiency of showers."

The few parents who do require their growing child to do arduous jobs about the home may find their children resistant to these requirements because most other children, especially those from the better off homes, usually have no such requirements.

Average Parent

Even the average parent on the farm, influenced by the modern philosophy of no-restraints and no requirements, is not cultivating noticeable self-control and responsibility in the growing child. Incidentally juvenile delinquency and crime in rural areas is catching up, and in some places surpassing, juvenile delinquency and crime in towns and cities.

Shall we blame parents for failing to cultivate self-control and responsibility in their children or

YOUR LITTLE HELPER AT HOME

by C. MYERS, Ph.D.

THE prevailing philosophy of child rearing, with its emphasis on lessening of restraints and avoidance of requirements (don't restrain him and expect him to do nothing he doesn't want to do) is pretty poor for the modern world.

In this mechanized world the growing child faces more physical and moral dangers than his forefathers faced when they were children, and he can be more perilous to society. The growing child has special need for self-control just when he is getting less and less of it. Now self-control presupposes controls from without, especially in the earlier years. Obviously, restraints-to-the-wind have come just when adequate restraints are most needed in our social and economic order.

Moreover, the modern mechanized world has made it harder and harder for parents to motivate the child to choose to help about the home. It was easier in the pioneer home (and is easier in a few of the rural homes today), with water to carry from the spring or well, the wood box to fill, and a few animals to care for, to induce the child to want to do these things in the home where everybody helped.

Free Will

What most writers and most parents overlook today is that in practically every home there still are potatoes to peel, tables to set, or clear, dishes to wash, beds to make, rooms to sweep and dust—lots of chores. But it is not easy to make the growing boy or girl choose to do these things. Yet most parents have been led by the rank and file of child experts to suppose that the child will of his own free will and accord do them. Many parents have taken these experts seriously, with the result that their children are growing up, in idleness while the mother, as a rule, slaves for them. Thus the growing child is not learning the alphabet of home sharing and responsibility.

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Women In US Now Make Own Clothes

By LAURA ETZ

CHICAGO—High prices are forcing more U.S. women to do as their grandmothers did and make their own clothes, a mail order executive said.

James N. Dow, head of Sears, Roebuck and Company's Yardgoods and Pattern-Buying Department, said that many women are outfitting themselves with the new look in the old-fashioned way.

He said industry-wide sales figures show an increase of more than 100 percent in pattern sales since before the war. At least 95 percent of all American housewives do some home sewing.

A Clever Woman

A clever woman nowadays won't just look with longing at a dress in the window she can't afford. She will study it from every angle noting the seams and the styling and the fabric. Then, she will go home and run one up on the sewing machine for much less than the cost of the original article.

A picture of a smart dress in a catalogue often will stimulate mail-order sales of a pattern and material that can be used to duplicate the dress at home.

"Women have discovered they can have more clothes—often better looking and more carefully made—at much less expense by sewing at home."

The biggest increase in home sewing, has been in the big cities.

"The city women were slower to take it up, because they were used to buying in the large shopping centres," he went on. "But now there are long waiting lists of women waiting to get in the dressmaking classes in some of our retail stores. We've been swamped with applications from city women who want to learn to sew."

A Quaint Hairdo is the Style



A pretty adaption of the style for closely-cropped hair, is this coiffure, designed by a famous New York hair stylist.

By HELEN FOLLETT

PRETTY young things, attending high school or college, are going quaint. Perhaps you have noticed the Alice-in-Wonderland hair arrangement. There is a centre parting and bangs cut straight across. The hair flows over the shoulders, ends turned under, not a sign of a wave or a curl. A straight band of ribbon holds bangs and tresses in place.

The class crop has been winning more and more addicts. Women who have been wearing the uppy arrangement sigh with relief to be rid of the bother of forming rolls and anchoring them down so they stay put. With the three-inch clip they feel younger because they look younger. All too often, they found, the topknot style made them appear top heavy and oh, so formal! These casual hairdos are a joy. No trouble. No bother. And permanents are not necessary if the hair has the slightest tendency to assume an undulation.

The "bustle back" is flourishing. Shoulder length hair is parted on the side, drawn smoothly back, held with tuck combs. The ends of the strands are in soft curls that cluster closely together at the nape line. If the hair is heavy, tuck combs may not hold and a rubber band can be used to keep the hair in chignon form. During the merry evening a single fresh flower can snuggle among the ringlets.

Short hair depends so much on clever trimming that one can't be too fussy in the search for a good hair stylist. It is easy enough to find an operator who will give one a first-class shampoo and wave set, but cutting requires skill that the ordinary operator in a beauty shop may not have because of lack of training along this particular line. Don't forget that the chic hairdo is the making of a woman. Many men say they notice a woman's hair first of all. They like coiffures that are smart, sassy and neat. Blowness they detest.



IDA BAILEY ALLEN

A Pressure-Cooked Meal

IF was one of those warm days in February which always seem to come unexpectedly, and I'd been shopping for a winter coat when I finally got home I went into the test kitchen and found the Chef. "Madame looks fatigued," he said. "How about a nice lemonade fixed the way you like it—with a little honey?"

"Thank you, Chef. How cool it is here!"

"That is because I am using the stove as little as possible. Everything I am cooking today is from the pressure-cooker. It is saving me at least two hours of cooking in the kitchen."

"What have you prepared in the pressure-cooker?" I asked.

"It is the entire menu, Madame. Here it is on the kitchen slate."

Dinner

Cole Slaw
Tomato Relish Dressing
Brown Veal Ragout
Herb Dumplings
Corn-on-the-Cob
Coddled Apples
Coffee or Tea

"The coddled apples I pressured early this morning and they are chilling in the refrigerator," he explained. "The cabbage for the cole slaw is shredded very fine and is also chilling. The tomato relish dressing is already made. The corn-on-the-cob I leave to be pressure-cooked the last three minutes. Actually in the pressure-cooker now is the brown veal ragout; it takes fifteen minutes to pressure-cook altogether. First I cooked it for eight minutes. Then I cooled the ragout to open and add the vegetables. Now it is fifteen minutes and the ragout is done. So I shall drop in small herb dumplings, and simmer-cook without pressure ten minutes more."

"This veal ragout has a very rich brown colour," I remarked, "evidently you thoroughly pre-browned the meat before pressureing it."

"Of course when it comes to pressure-cooking I know you are the authority," said the Chef. "But I have done something different with this ragout which I hope you will like. Before browning the veal I finished lightly with a little kitchen bouquet. That is for both the colour and the taste."

All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Serve Four

Brown Veal Ragout
Cut the meat from 3 lbs. knuckle of veal into pieces suitable for serving. Reserve the bone to cook with the meat. In a large heavy kettle or frying pan melt 1 tsp. granulated sugar and 2 tbs. vegetable fat or margarine and 1 medium-sized sliced, peeled onion. When the fat melts, put in the veal and brown

thoroughly all over. Add 1 tsp. kitchen bouquet, 1 1/2 tsp. salt, 1/4 tsp. pepper, the grated rind 1/2 lemon, the meat bone and 1 qt. boiling water, or better still, liquid drained from cooked vegetables. Cover close by, bring to boiling point and simmer 1 1/2 hrs. When nearly done, remove the bone. Add 1 c. peeled button onions, 1 c. peeled carrots cut in rounds and 1 c. coarse-diced celery.

Thicken by stirring in 2 tbs. flour blended smooth with 3 tbs. undiluted milk or water. Cover and simmer 15 min. longer. Then drop in small savoury dumplings. Cover and steam-broil 10 min. Serve the ragout in the centre of a large platter, dumplings around the edge.

Pressure-Cooked Brown Veal Ragout: Follow the preceding recipe with these exceptions—Use only 2 c. boiling water or liquid drained from cooked vegetables. Bring the ragout to 15 lbs. pressure and process 15 min. Then open the cooker, add the vegetables and process 5 min. longer at 15 lbs. Cool the cooker a second time and drop in the savoury dumplings; cover and steam 10 min. without pressure.

Savoury Dumplings

Sift together 2 c. all-purpose flour, 4 tsp. baking powder and 3/4 tsp. salt. Then melt 3 tbs. shortening; add 1 small, seeded minced sweet green pepper and 1 peeled minced small onion; slow-ry until yellowed, then stir into the flour mixture. Then mix in 3/4 c. whole milk or water. Transfer to a slightly floured board or pastry cloth. Pat into oblong shape 1/2 in. thick. Cut in 1 in. squares with a sharp knife first dipped in flour. Cook as directed.

Coddled Apples

Wash 4 medium-sized rosy apples. In a shallow sauce pan put 1/2 c. sugar, the grated rind 1/2 orange and 2 c. boiling water. Cook 5 min. Then add the apples and simmer slowly until tender. Turn occasionally so they will cook evenly. Allow about 45 min. Transfer to a glass serving dish. Boil the syrup 15 min. or until thick and red. Pour over the apples to form a rich glaze. Serve very cold, plain or with whipped cream or custard sauce.

Pressure-Cooked Coddled Apples: Proceed as above putting the apples on a rack in the pressure-cooker. Pour over the syrup. Sprinkle the apples with an extra 2 tbs. sugar. Close the cooker; bring the pressure to 15 lbs. and process 2 1/2 min. for small apples, 4 min. for large apples. Cool the cooker at once. Boil down the liquid until thick and finish as directed.

Trick Of The Chef
For extra good flavour add 1/4 teaspoon marjoram to the flour for savoury dumplings.

Pedal Pushers



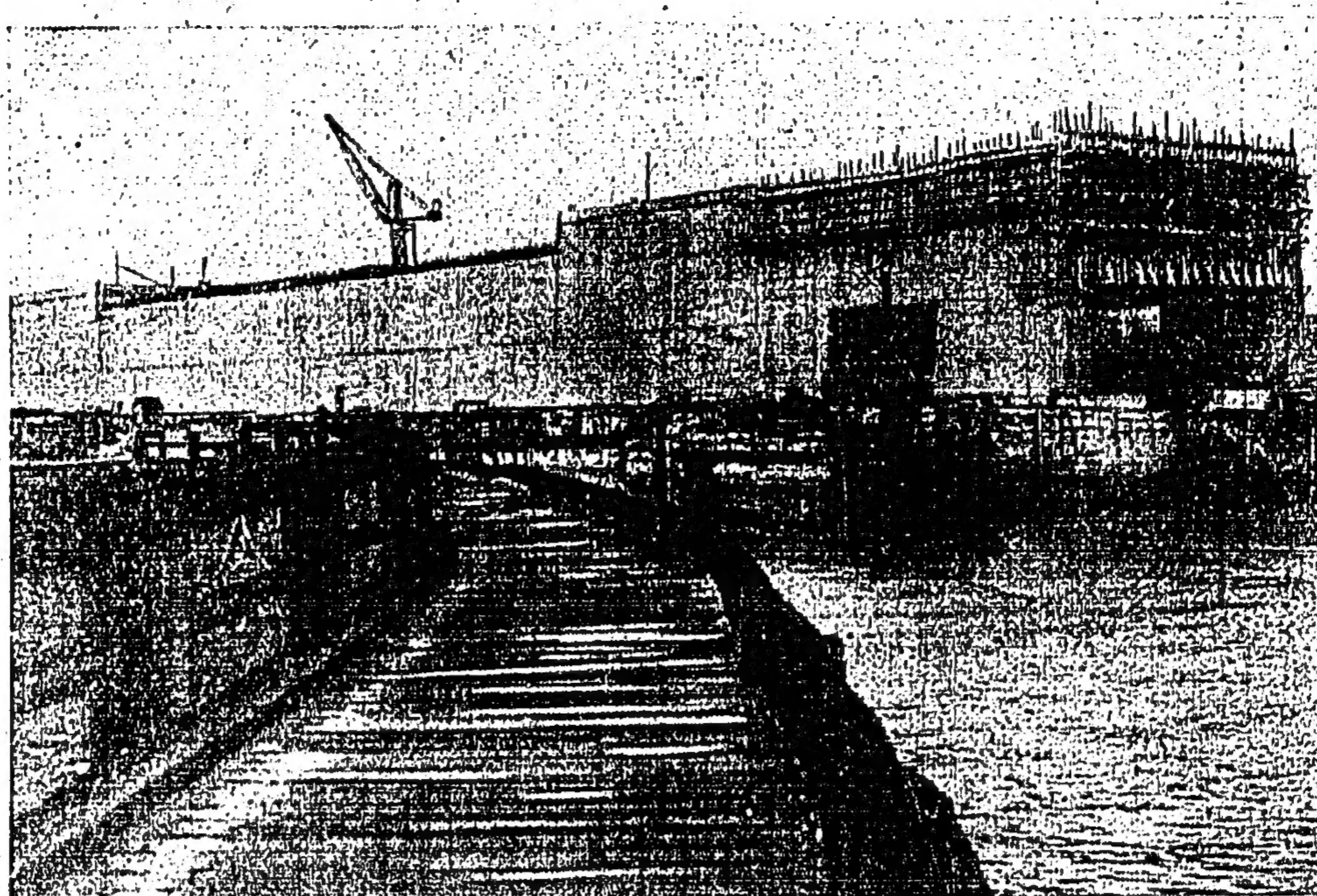
By ALICE ALDEN

WITH the resort and cruise ships resuming a sell-out season, we need no excuse for presenting this pedal pusher design. Some lucky girl in such lovely resorts as Bermuda or Sea Island would find them most useful. As bicycle riding increases in popularity at the various places styles appear to make it a more comfortable exercise. Celanese tropical suiting in spanking white is used for this Frank Williamson design so beautifully tailored and detailed. The loose jacket with two roomy pockets and contrasting yoke make a perfect top for bicycling and also serves as a beach topper, shorts or slacks topper. The pedal pushers have interesting skirt detail.

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



TRIBAL TOM-TOM—Chief Crazy Bull, great grandson of Sitting Bull, explains the mysteries of a tom-tom to patients of the Presbyterian Hospital's Cooley's Anaemia Clinic. A donor to the New York blood programme, William Jacobs is glad to spend time with the youngsters, whose lives depend on one pint of blood every two weeks.



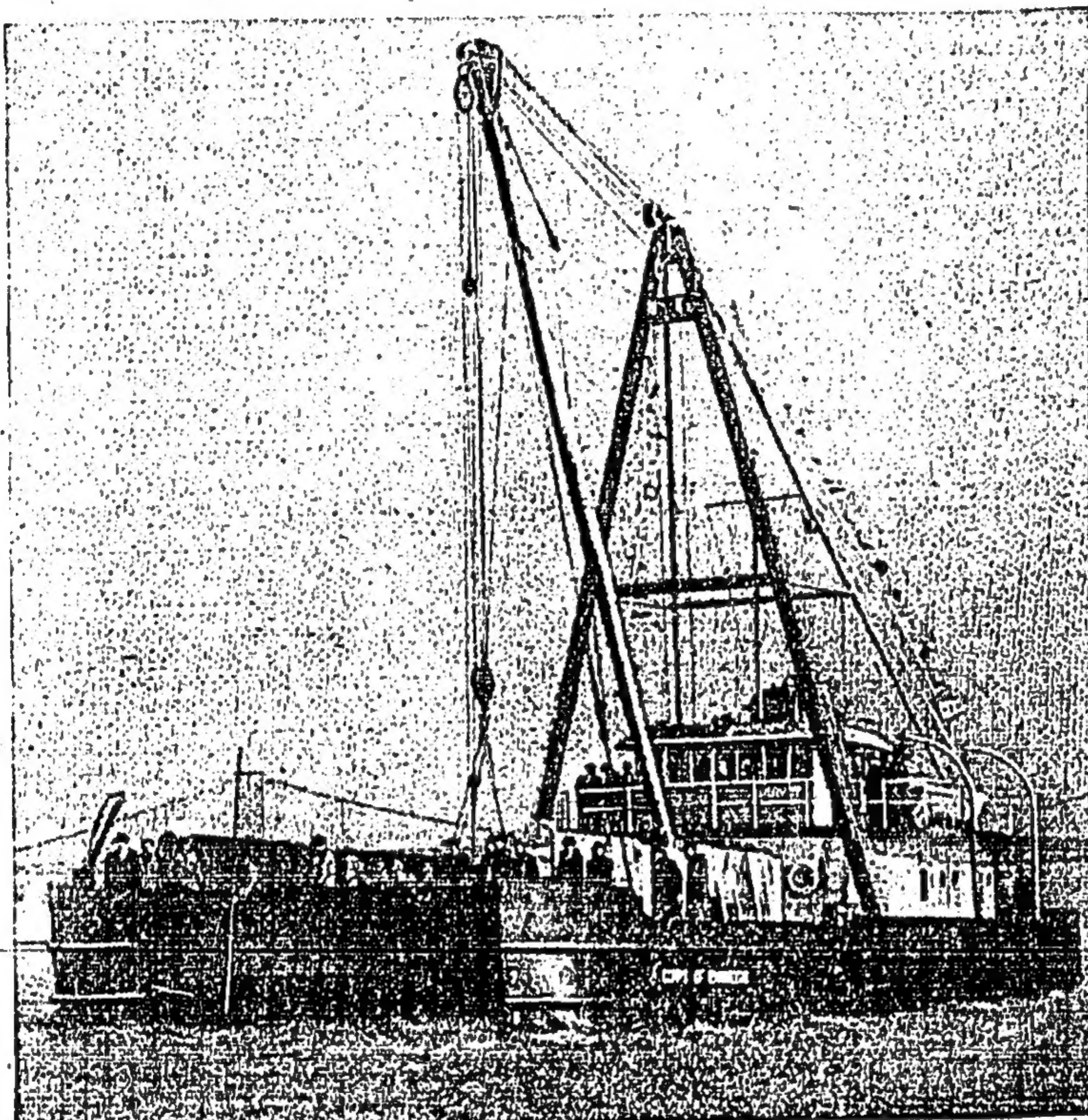
FRENCH WAREHOUSES—The bombproof concrete shelters built by the Germans in French ports to protect their submarines are now being used by the French Navy as warehouses. Allied bombing was largely wasted on the steel-roofed sheds with concrete walls 20 feet thick. This general view of a shed in Bordeaux harbour shows the size of the structure and thickness of the walls. The storage space is a much-needed item in the war-torn and inadequately housed area.



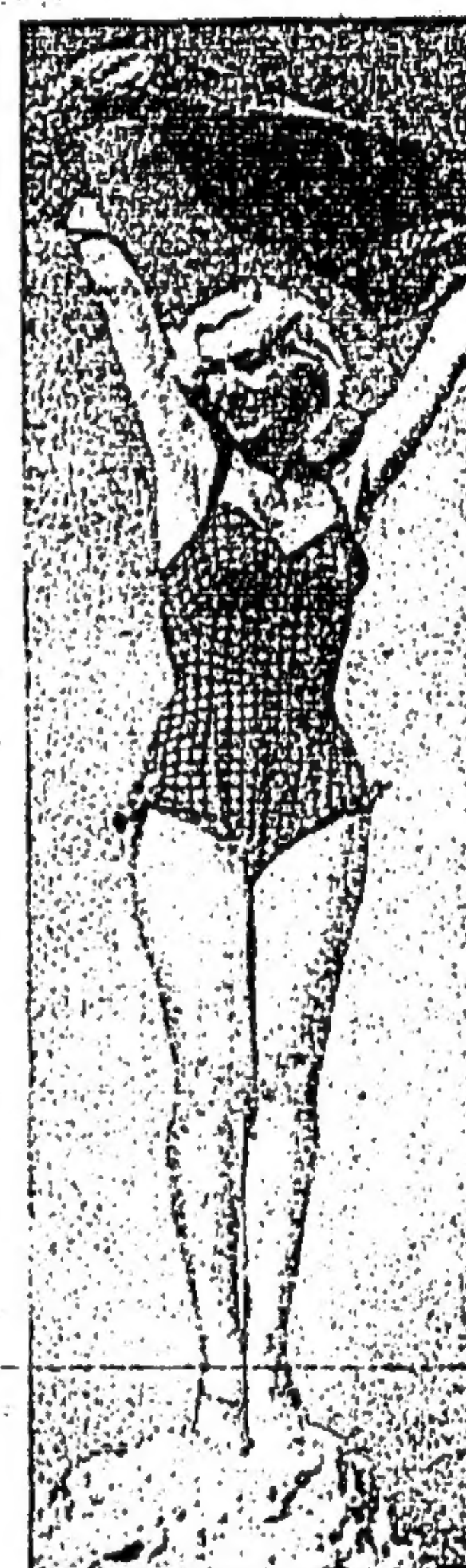
STILL TAKES MUSCLES—High speed mechanical logging operations in Stevens, Ontario, are made necessary by the increased world demand for paper. The operation starts with the use of this gas-powered saw which fells trees in five minutes. Mechanical difficulties cause workers to prefer axe and hand saw.



REASONABLY-PRICED FASHIONS—Two thousand women, and a few men, too, crowded into the Titania Palace in Berlin to get a look at the latest dresses for the hausfrau. The simple one-piece afternoon gowns will be sold at reasonable prices under the new rationing programme.



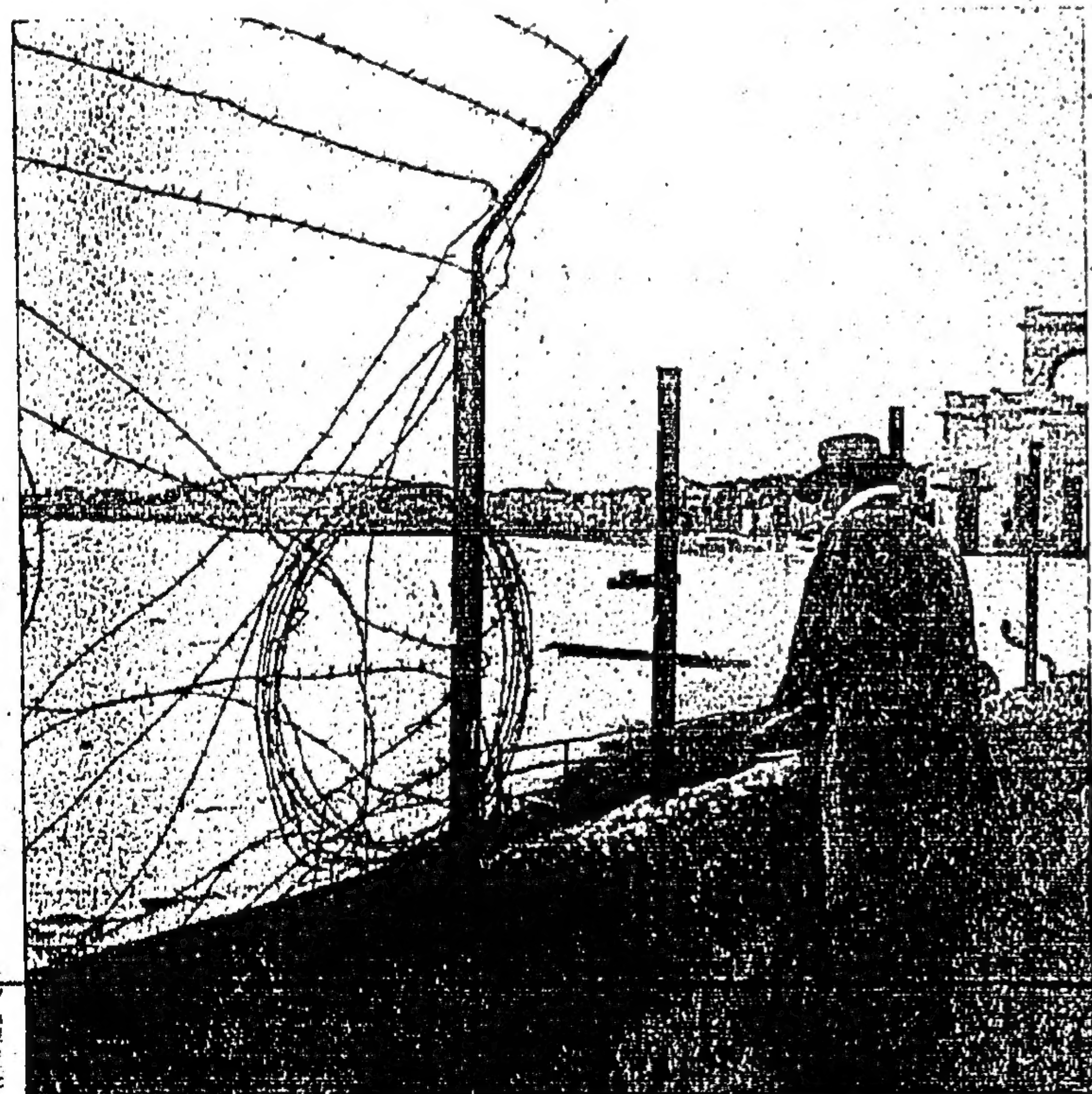
HARBOUR SWEEPER—The City of New York's new "Driftmaster" goes for a trial spin in the harbour. The 100-foot Diesel-propelled vessel has two hulls with nets stretched between. Floating debris, a serious menace to navigation, is scooped up and dumped at a disposal point in the bay.



BEACH STOLE—Shirley Modell wears a dark print one-piece suit with a matching stool at Miami Beach.



HEADED DOWN UNDER—With big experiences ahead, Judith Williamson, left, and sister Valerie catch up on their fairy tale reading in London. Among the largest group ever to leave London, the youngsters sailed with 2,010 emigrants to Australia.



ANZIO REVISITED—Twice-wounded Louis Gallo of the Third U.S. Infantry Division and Brooklyn, New York, looks over the beach on which he landed at Anzio five years ago. A rusty landing barge and barbed wire are tangible reminders of the grim struggle at the Italian beach-head.



THE SMARTER SET—Leave it to the Parisian for the latest styles. Mademoiselle Scarlett, bedecked in her new fancy blanket, poses on the deck of the new Cunard White Star's Caronia. The French poodle and her mistress, Mme. Suzanne Guezet, arrived in New York on the maiden crossing.

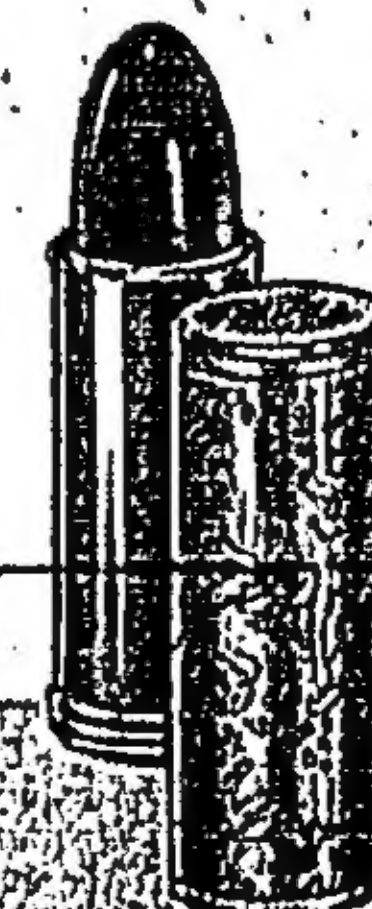
JOAN BLONDELL,

glamorous star says, "Pink lipstick's the Hollywood craze and 'Pink Queen' is the perfect pink."



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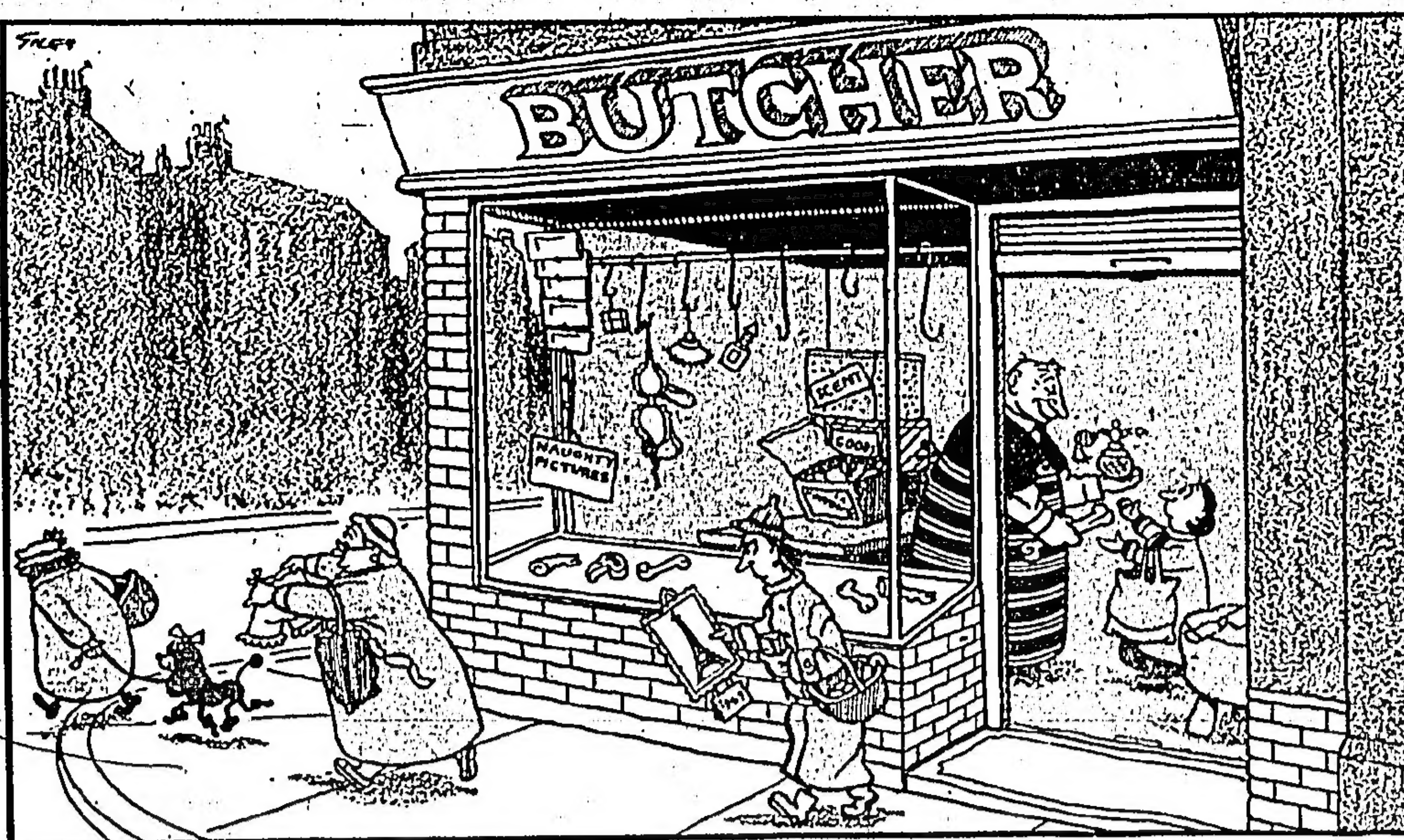
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"It's like this, lady—the French are sending us a certain quantity of meat providing we buy some of their luxury goods."

So much sweat—so little marge!

THE world hungers for fats. The East African bush has a great appetite, too. It has gnawed away many high hopes, and chewed up quantities of costly equipment. And it is making a meal of some of the juicy promises made when the Peanut Project was launched by the jubilant waving of a White-paper nearly two years ago.

Grand work has been done by the 1,700 Europeans and 22,000 Africans who are tearing the hide off Africa to plant margarine.

But how mean and menacing are the statistics. How puny the progress reports.

In Kongwa, the only area where more than experimental planting is being done, they are sowing the seeds now, working night and day on a brick-red plateau nearly 4,000 feet above sea level.

Sunflowers, too

THEY are planting about 50,000 acres, nearly half of it with sunflowers, the rest with peanuts. The seed of which yields two-thirds the oil produced by groundnuts. The peanut acreage is 22,500—less than 1 per cent—of the 600,000 acres scheduled in the plan for this season.

Perhaps that will give us 2,500 tons of oil. Turned into margarine that is not going to make much difference. We already consume 30,000 tons a year, and grumble about the shortage.

Even that 2,500 tons is on nobody's plate yet. The chief exports so far from the bushed-down bush seem to be Memoranda and Moans. Memos, mounting daily as efforts are made to overcome a succession of snags. Means from mistakes—and from better men who are baffled and bedeviled by setbacks, paper work, and shortage of supplies.

What are the chief causes of the poor progress made? My on-the-spot examination suggests two.

1. MUCH TIME was lost in the first year because cast-off equipment was used, and later because of the shortage of spares. New bulldozers and vehicles were just not available for the 1946 pioneers. But delays continued when new material arrived because the supply are still stuck because of a missing spare wheel. But spares are at last improving—after much damage has been done.

2. THE RUSH to get down to peeling away the bush did not give time for our men to learn what a terrific resistance Africa puts up when attacked.

True, the soil was investigated first, but in part on the basis of small-scale cultivation, where no bush problem was involved.

The peanuters were sent in to batter their heads and "picks"

against the Kongwa soil, which for most of the year is like brick. The first root-cutters were ruined in seven hours' working.

At this minute, in Manchester and other industrial centres, half a dozen companies and research organisations are pinned down by a single directive: find something that will stand up to Kongwa soil. Thirty to 40 different types of equipment are under test. Now! Two years after the Government decided to Go To It in the bush!

The three-man mission which first surveyed the territory dismissed existing data on land use because of the gulf between local peanut methods and mass-mechanisation. But could not one acre have been bashed, flattened, and de-rooted before the Grand Attack in which Africa made a meal of a mountain of equipment?

Road convoys

WHAT about the communications, and the port situation? Convoys have to go by road from the vital port of Dar-es-Salaam, 200 miles away, to relieve the pressure on the single railway. It sometimes takes five days because of boggy roads.

At Dar, peanuters, sweltering in 87 per cent humidity and practically breathing invisible rain, strive to funnel material for the Project through a lighterage port. They have 38 lighters now and are clamouring impatiently for more. Another 20 are on the "Prime Minister's List," which is high priority. But it is at Dar that they are wanted.

Some time this summer tenders will be taken for the construction of a deepwater berth—there isn't one at present.

Port officials down there look a shade wistful when one mentions the edict of the Overseas Food Corporation in London that the port's capacity must be increased 50 per cent this year, and doubled by next year.

They are working at top pressure now—and no roundnuts are going home yet.

Inland the troubles are no less. The badly frayed line of communications is being strengthened by a system which links 30,000 new field units. But this is only just starting.



JOHN REDFERN meets the tough men who can't fight jungles with a trumpet

Even water is a problem. At Nachingwea, in the southern province, the ration for all purposes is two gallons per person daily. After personal washing, the water is used for the laundry.

For the peanuters in Africa, there is a bleak echo to Mr. Strachey's battle-cries from London about "this vast and unprecedented project."

After talking to scores of men out there, working for both the Overseas Food Corporation and the contracting firms, I know that in places morale is suffering.

At Kongwa—headquarters—for instance, I met a number of I-want-to-go-home types. Some just cannot take the bush, more were feeling strangled by red tape; the majority were misfits who had dreamed romantically of pioneering

and found themselves tent-bound in front of an office tray.

The lessons should be heeded in London. The selection of recruits should be tightened up. There is no lack of candidates, and there must be less shilly-shallying about when wives go out.

The cost

THE project is "vast" all right. It is well to take a deep breath before counting the cost. The call on the Treasury, said the initial White-paper, is not likely to exceed £23 million, taking into account the sale of the crops. But Mr. Strachey, at Nairobi last summer, hinted at £50 million—and even this he described as "arbitrary."

Here is a sample of how figures can go astray: the estimate of £1,750,000 capital expenditure for 1947-8 became £4,250,000 before the end of 1947.

Already the charges for equipment are rising, and demands are increasing. Until we know where they will stop it is no use telling us that the fantastic world price of groundnuts (more than £80 a ton) is running in our favour.

There it is. A thrilling vision, a creaking, trouble-plagued actuality. So much sweat, so little to show for it.

But we are committed, and no one who has seen our tough adventures at work can doubt that some day the trumpets that blew too soon may blow again to some purpose.

CAPTAIN FOX'S ATOMIC SPACESHIP

"WHAT are you and the wife doing this weekend? Nothing in particular? Oh, good, well how about a trip to the moon?"

By PETER DITTON

Such a conversation may sound fantastic to you, but to Captain Edward Cecil Evans Fox of the Royal Canadian Engineers' Reserve, former president of the Aeronautical Institute of Canada, and ex-editor of the Canadian Air Force Review, it is no more unusual "than lighting a cigarette."

For Captain Fox, lanky, balding, 49-year-old engineer, has got his plans all worked out for an atomic spaceship which he expects will take him with other engineers and their wives on a three-month trip round the planets in 1950.

Two hundred feet long, fifty feet wide, with one hull inside the other, the spaceship will cost one and a quarter million pounds, not counting food and stores. Refrigeration will make it possible to cruise round the planets despite the terrific heat and a repulsive engine will be cooled by its own fuel. Captain Fox has great faith in his spaceship and now that the United States Navy is experimenting with Atomic drives for its ships, "he hopes to have a model ready this spring. If it rises to a height of 3,000 feet he feels sure that a full-sized spaceship of

10,000 tons could be built to rise through the air at eight miles per hour and then coast past the moon and on to Mars and Venus.

To reduce the friction of the air before getting beyond the pull of the earth's gravity, Captain Fox plans to have his spaceship launched from the top of a mountain. It will have hydraulic electronically-controlled tripod legs to enable it to land on the planets, but for the first trip the Captain is not planning on landing. Instead he will use the whole of the time studying the planets and tabulating data for future visits.

The spaceship will be fitted with an ordinary radio on the off-chance that the occupants will be able to pick up programmes from the earth, but if this is not possible they will not be worried. Records and books in plenty will be one of the major store items, and any time the occupants tire of looking out the window of the spaceship they can always return to reality by listening to the voice of Bing Crosby, or reading one of the lighter works of G. K. Chesterton.

Like all famous scientists and professors who are reputed to be absent-minded, Captain Fox has his failings. According to his wife he never remembers to bring goggles home from the office. So just to them home from the moon she is planning to make the trip with him. All the other explorers in the party will take their wives as well. Just where the money to finance this expedition is coming from is a little hazy at the moment. On top of the amount needed to construct the spaceship, nuclear fuel to take it to its destination will be another big item, and it is doubtful if the trip could be undertaken at less than £2,500,000.

Certainly Captain Fox cannot lay his hands on such a large amount, but as he said recently "it is well within the means of Canadian industry with United States and British co-operation. It could easily be saved, simply by not spending money on preparing for wars."

If spaceships are the alternatives to wars then Captain Fox and men of his calibre should be encouraged. It is difficult to imagine what harm could be done by a trip to the moon—if it is possible—unless, of course, it opens up the way for an invasion of the earth from another planet!

NANCY Just Checking Up

By Ernie Bushmiller



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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO ANNUAL MEETING

A hope that the authorities would deal more favourably with the firm at the eventual renewal of the agreement with the Public Works Department for producing, in the first line for the needs of Government, crushed stone at Morrison Hill, was expressed by Mr T. B. Wilson, Chairman, at the seventh annual general meeting of Marsman Hongkong China Ltd., held at the Hongkong Bank building this morning.

Mr Wilson said that the Company was in a position to undertake large engineering and building projects, and it had expectation of securing, through negotiated contracts or upon bidding, much more work of this nature.

A net profit of £2,428.19.11 for the year under review was disclosed in the Chairman's speech.

Addressing the meeting, Mr Wilson said:

"You have before you the report of your Directors and Statement of Accounts for the past fiscal year, which are submitted as disclosing the position of your Company on April 30, 1948, at the close of the Company's fiscal year. A net profit for the year under review amounted to £2,428.19.11.

"Our quarrying operations registered a loss of £9,388.0.0. As you are aware from previous reports we entered into a contract with the PWD for producing, in the first line for the needs of the Government, of crushed stone at Morrison Hill. The limitations imposed on us by the fact that the site is in a residential area make it extremely difficult to operate this quarry in a rational manner. Also, the cost of operation and labour have increased since the time when we entered into the agreement.

"We trust that at the eventual renewal of the agreement the authorities will deal more favourably with us. If satisfactory arrangements which I trust will be made are made, we have intention of modernising and greatly enlarging our plant and handling equipment, which in turn will place the operation on a profitable basis.

OPERATING LOSS

Our Construction Department shows an operating loss, which is due to the fulfilment of old commitments entered into before our last year of operation (the year of this report).

"Our Trading Department, although maintained in nuclear form, registers a slight profit.

"The sale of the Company's property in Matukok, as reported to you last year, resulted in an appreciable profit.

"We have made ample provisions for the amortisation of equipment and for investigation expenses on various construction projects, which, as you are aware, are bound to be a noticeable part of outlays of a firm engaged in Engineering business.

"The position of the various Philippine mining companies in which your Company has investments was substantially the same as a year ago. The mining industry in the Philippines looks forward to governmental encouragement and assistance, but of this I cannot at present give assurance. In view of the uncertainty as to when reparations or any other assistance will be forthcoming we have written off from our last book value a further amount of £1,718.0.0.

"As to our investment in the Sumatra Mines, operated by Mars-

man's Alleghenese Exploration My., which have been previously written down, in our books to a nominal figure, I wish to state that this action does not imply any renunciation of your Company's part of our proportionate share in any reparations which this Company may be able to obtain at any future date from the competent authorities.

SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES

"Owing to the present world conditions, Marsman Metal & Trading Co. Ltd. shows, since the last Annual Report, but little change in its activities.

"South China Building Materials, Ltd., manufacturers of Cement Pipes and Hollow Blocks, in which your Company holds a majority interest, have been in full operation since last Summer with satisfactory results.

"Now, as to the present and anticipated future. You probably know your Company has actively entered into the Construction business. We have been very fortunate in having associated with us Marsman, Inc., of Manila, one of the largest engineering and contracting firms in the Orient, which is supplying technical personnel and generally supervising our engineering activities. Some of the largest American engineering firms are in association with Marsman, Inc. for Far Eastern operations. Concerning these I shall keep your Directors advised.

"We now have engagements with the Tulkoo Dockyard and with the Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. with works in progress proceeding most satisfactorily. Through the connections of Marsman, Inc., we have been able to secure necessary equipment and supplies to fulfil our requirements without delay.

"Your Company is in a position to undertake large engineering and building projects and it has expectation of securing through negotiated contracts or upon bidding much more work of this nature. In fact, there are a number of large projects under consideration at the present time within the Colony, and your Engineers, together with the Specialists made available to your Company through Marsman, Inc., and the facilities of their associates, are already giving these projects very careful study."

The adoption of the report and statement of accounts was seconded by Mr J. P. Ross.

On the proposal of Mr L. M. S. Lloyd, seconded by Mr J. P. Ross, Mr W. Rawitz was re-elected a Director.

Messrs Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-appointed auditors on the proposal of Mr Rawitz, seconded by Mr Teters.

Present at the meeting were Messrs T. B. Wilson (Chairman), N. D. Teters, E. R. Hill and W. Rawitz (Directors) and L. M. S. Lloyd and J. P. Ross.

Position

Czechs May Form Exile Government

New York, Feb. 6.—Several Czechs who held high government office before the Communist came into power last year, have arrived here by air from London to attend a meeting tomorrow to work out plans for forming a "government in exile."

They are: General Sergej Ingr, the former Defence Minister, Václav Maser, a former Food Minister, Dr Jaroslav Stránský, a former Education Minister, Miroslav Sedláček and Hubert Růžka, a former Minister of Foreign Trade.

Růžka said that Czechoslovakia was now "in a worse condition than under Hitler." Russia, he said "is bleeding the Czech people of all industrial output."

He added that underground resistance movements were springing up all over the country.

Major told reporters that over 20,000 Czechs had fled the country since the coup, and many were escaping daily.

Formosan On Wife Killing Charge

A young Formosan, Chiu Cham, 27, who was alleged to have chopped his wife, Fung Kit-ling, to death with a fire-wood chopper on August 6 in Kowloon, stood trial for murder at the Criminal Sessions before Mr Justice Wickes this morning.

Mr H. Heenan, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting, assisted by Det. Sub-Inspector Leslie. Defending the accused is Mr J. MacNeil, instructed by Mr W. H. Young.

The jury empanelled comprises three women and four men.

The accused pleaded not guilty to the charge.

Mr Heenan said the accused and his wife and their two children (one aged a year and the other three years) came to Hongkong from Formosa in May, 1948, and took up residence with relations of the wife at 39, Fa Yuen Street.

The accused had previously studied medicine and after his arrival he tried to obtain employment in the Medical Department, Hongkong, and elsewhere, but was unsuccessful. The family's resources were not very good and with the accused having no work, their financial position became worse. The wife eventually succeeded in getting employment as a teacher in a nearby school. This entailed her going away during the day and the accused having to take over many of the domestic chores. They had numerous quarrels.

HEARD QUARREL

At about 8 a.m. that morning Fung heard the accused quarrel with his wife, Mr Heenan went on to say. Some time later Fung went into their cubicle and the deceased requested her to look after the two children while she completed her toilet. Deceased then left the cubicle for the rear of the house with a towel, tooth brush and a tube of tooth paste.

As one of the children became agitated, Fung carried it and walked out of the cubicle up and down the passage to the back of the premises. During her walks she saw the accused chopping wood near the back. After walking up and down several times with the child, Fung returned to the cubicle and soon after heard cries of "Save Life!" by the deceased, coming from the rear of the premises. As she ran out into the passage, she saw the accused and his wife facing the bathroom door. The accused was striking his wife with a chopper.

Fung ran back into the cubicle and collected both children to go out into the street. As she was making for the front door, she saw the accused strike his wife again as she was about to fall.

Out in the street she met a relative and soon after a policeman arrived. The policeman found the door closed. After two minutes, it was opened by the accused, who had a wound in the neck which was bleeding profusely. He was carrying a blade of a pair of scissors in his hand, which he dropped when the policeman drew his revolver. The accused was unable to speak because of his wound. He was sent to hospital where he was operated upon, the wound being a serious one.

The case is proceeding.

PWD LARCENY TRIAL CONTINUES

Searching Questions Put To Spary

(Continued from Page 1)

Did you make arrangements with anyone at the Bowling Green regarding the actual times at which the workmen should arrive to do the work?—No.

Why not?—It was not necessary. I would not have known the definite times of their arrival anyway.

So far, we have had two jobs, the Yacht Club and the Bowling Green, in which, according to you, Government men were to be employed in off-duty hours. Is there any other job in the history of your time in the PWD where such an arrangement has been made?—Yes, the Sailors and Soldiers' Home and the Seamen's Institute in Wanchai, and Dr Dykes, the dentist. Both were pre-war.

Mr D'Alton: Your Lordship, there has been constant alluding to these men as Government men. They are not Government men if they are not employed on Government jobs. These men were only day labourers.

JUDGE DISAGREES

His Lordship: But if they are paid Government wages they are Government men. Numerous workers had said they were engaged casually.

They worked there every day.

Mr D'Alton: But if men are on casual or daily labour, they are only Government men when they are working on Government jobs.

His Lordship disagreed and allowed Crown Counsel to continue.

Mr Hooton: What were the circumstances of the Sailors and Soldiers' Home and the Seamen's Institute?

Spary: I did not do that. It was done by Mr Clarke.

So in your time in the PWD the Yacht Club and the Bowling Green were the only two jobs which were done on these terms by you?—Yes.

Why was it necessary to use these labourers on these two jobs?

In the case of the Yacht Club I discussed the matter with Mr Forsyth generally and he wanted a good job made of it. The arrangement was to use Government men because they are rather a good type of tradesmen. The same applied to the Bowling Green Club.

So in both cases you say you used these men because they were good men and would make the best job of it?—Yes.

There are other reliable contractors, are there not?—Yes, I suppose so. There must be European firms.

Are the GEC, Jardine's, Gilman's and Reiss, Bradley reliable firms?—Yes.

A large number of Chinese contractors who are on the Hongkong Electric list are reliable contractors?—I cannot vouch for these.

You know the Hongkong Electric and the China Light and Power keep lists of recognised contractors, don't you?—That is true.

DOESN'T KNOW CONTRACTORS

And in every job in which the Hongkong Electric and the China Light and Power are engaged on, and before they allow current through, they send one of their own inspectors to see the work.

That suggests it is nonsense to say a reliable firm could not be found to do these two jobs?—If you refer to reliable Chinese contractors, both the Hongkong Electric and the China Light and Power frequently had to turn them down.

But you do agree there must be some Chinese firm which could do the work?—Yes. However, I myself did not know any Chinese contractors.

But Kwok Kwong knew them?—It is quite possible he did.

Why do you say it is quite possible. You knew he did?—Before this case I did not know him and would try to get contractors.

Why did you not make a similar arrangement in the case of the CPA and the Cecilia Beauty Salon?—I said they asked if I could tell them of a contractor. I said I did not know any. In the first place, I am a member of the Bowling Green Club and in the case of the Yacht Club, I was approached by Mr Forsyth, who is a Government engineer.

Did you not want a reliable job done for the Cecilia Beauty Salon, for your friend, Mrs Bethell?—I only wanted to see she was not robbed. I was not interested in a beauty parlour shop. It was from her complaint that I pointed out to her she had been overcharged.

NOT EASY TO ARRANGE

It would have been quite an easy arrangement to have Government men do that in their off-duty time, would it not?—It would not. There is a difference between Clubs and commercial places. The clubs are to some extent our homes out here.

But the Yacht Club is not your home?—As I explained, Mr Forsyth approached me and the Club was also used by 60-70 per cent. Government servants, and by the Navy and people attached to the Services.

I will give you the reason why you say that this was the arrangement in these two cases and ask you if you agree the reason why you say these peculiar arrangements were made on these two jobs was because you are tied down by the evidence and you cannot say anything else. In the case of the Yacht Club, Mr Forsyth's evidence entirely ties you and you cannot say anything different?—No.

And in the case of the Bowling Green you told the Police this was the arrangement and you cannot contradict that?—I told the Police the truth.

And in the other two cases nobody had said that was the arrangement, or there was no question of that arrangement and therefore you are alluding to it?—I cannot understand that question.

Therefore you are quite free to make up any old story?—I am not making up any old story at all.

Yet in the 20 odd years you have been in the PWD, those were the only two jobs you had done?—Yes. Circumstances were different before. Nothing had happened in this Colony.

Further questioned, Spary agreed that the two jobs were the only ones he had done during his 20 years in Hongkong. He denied that his evidence regarding the placing of the money received for the KBOC work on the table between Kwok Kwong and Ho Sung in the Hungnam workshop was complete nonsense.

Mr Hooton: You are finding it very convenient to remember Ho Sung on many occasions, aren't you? Spary: I am not finding it convenient at all.

I am suggesting you are hiding your responsibility behind Kwok Kwong and that you are passing the buck to Kwok Kwong as far as you can?—No.

And you are toning down your betrayal of him by introducing Ho Sung's name wherever you can?—I did not bring his name out.

Asked about the shades installed in No. 228 Nathan Road, Spary said they were given away without signature to anybody who wanted them. If he had been responsible for these he would have obtained signatures for them.

Mr Hooton: They were stores to which you had access in your position as OIC? Spary: Yes.

THEFT AT STORES

And you had control over them because of your position?—I certainly had control over them, but as regards ownership we had a larceny there last year and the Police arrested a man but they refused to charge him because of the question of ownership. Nobody could say it was Government property.

His Lordship: What was stolen? Spary: Some wireless equipment left behind by the Japanese.

Mr Hooton: You think that in the next case the Police should take a little more advice before a case like this is launched? Spary: I don't.

Who was the person who could give orders in respect of the disposal of these things?—I could, or the Executive Engineer, Mr Brown.

And you could give orders for their disposal because of your position as OIC workshop?—Yes, but disposal would be affected by the kind of materials, if they were of no further use to the Government, like lamp-shades which were not the Government type.

Spary agreed he had given orders to Kwok Kwong to send the lamp-shades to Mrs Wheeler at No. 228 Nathan Road. He explained that he was staying with Mrs Wheeler after the case had commenced. He said that had he been the person disposing of them, he would have got rid of them before they were found.

Mr Hooton: Your intention was to dispose of them? Spary: I gave them away.

WITNESS ARRIVES

At this stage Mr Hooton informed the Court that Mr Harris had arrived, and could be called. He suggested that Mr Harris be interrogated, as he had further questions to ask the accused and it would take some time.

Reynold Harris, Manager of Pacific Air Maintenance, was asked by the Court when he had left the Colony and why. He said he left Hongkong on December 20 for the purpose of leave. He did not inform the Police, having overlooked the matter. Previously, the Police had told him that the case would come on not later than the end of November.

His Lordship: Any questions? Mr D'Alton: I think his explanation that he had to go on leave is hardly sufficient. We all felt like going on leave. What would have been the position? It might even be termed contempt. He went on leave knowing full well that he had made serious accusations against other people.

His Lordship replied that he was bearing in mind action against Mr Harris. There being no questions by Mr Chen, the witness was allowed to leave the Court.

His Lordship (addressing Crown Counsel): I have no doubt the authorities will consider estimating Mr Harris' recognisances? Mr Hooton: Yes, my Lord. The trial is proceeding.

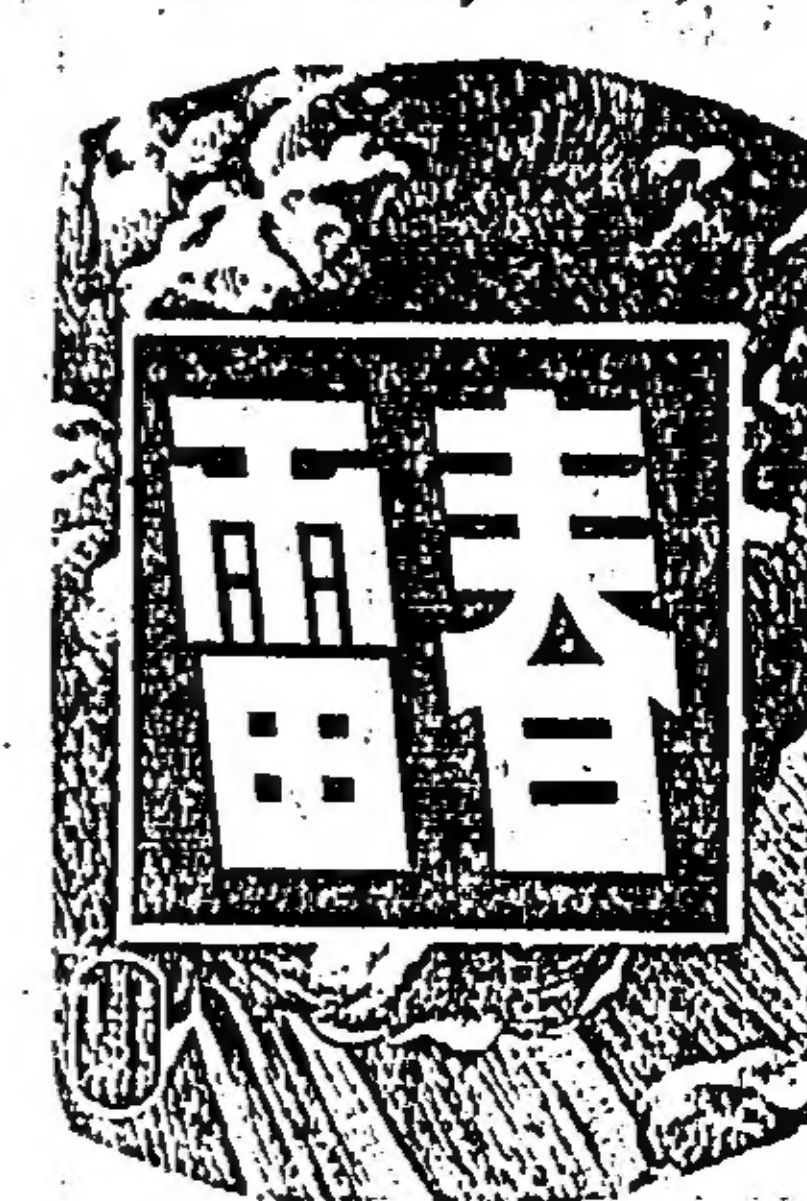
LEHY JUDGMENT THIS WEEK

Haifa, Feb. 6.—About 40 political prisoners, all affiliated to the outlawed "terrorist" organisation, Lehy, have been transferred from Acre Prison to another prison in Southern Israel. It was learned here today. The prisoners threatened to go on hunger strike and were forcibly removed.

A trial of Lehy leaders has lasted for over two months and is expected to come to an end next week when the verdict will be given by a special military court.

Chief among the accused is Nathan Friedmann Yellin, on whose head the British once set a price of £5,000 and who has now been elected to Israel's first constituent assembly.—Associated Press.

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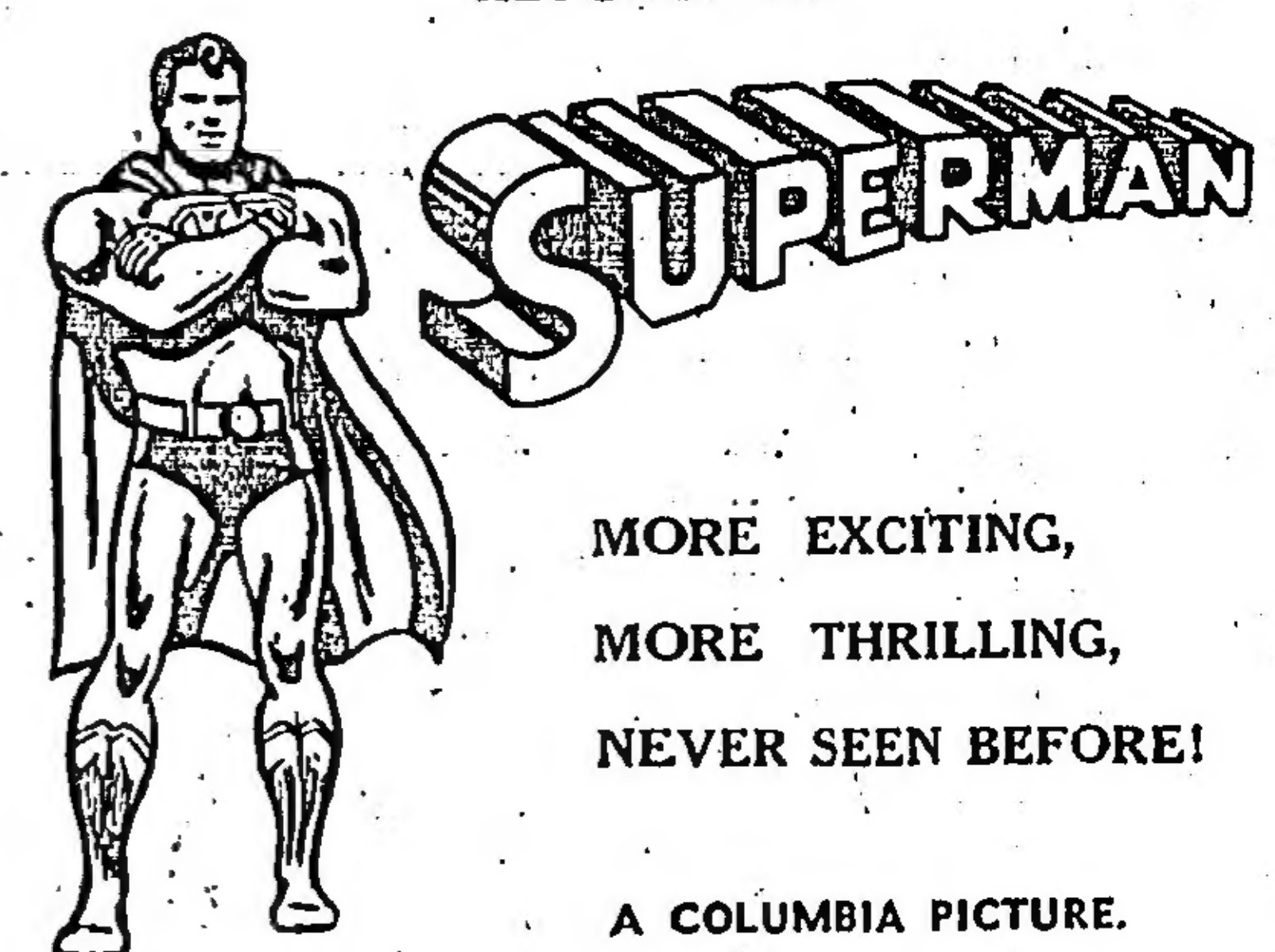
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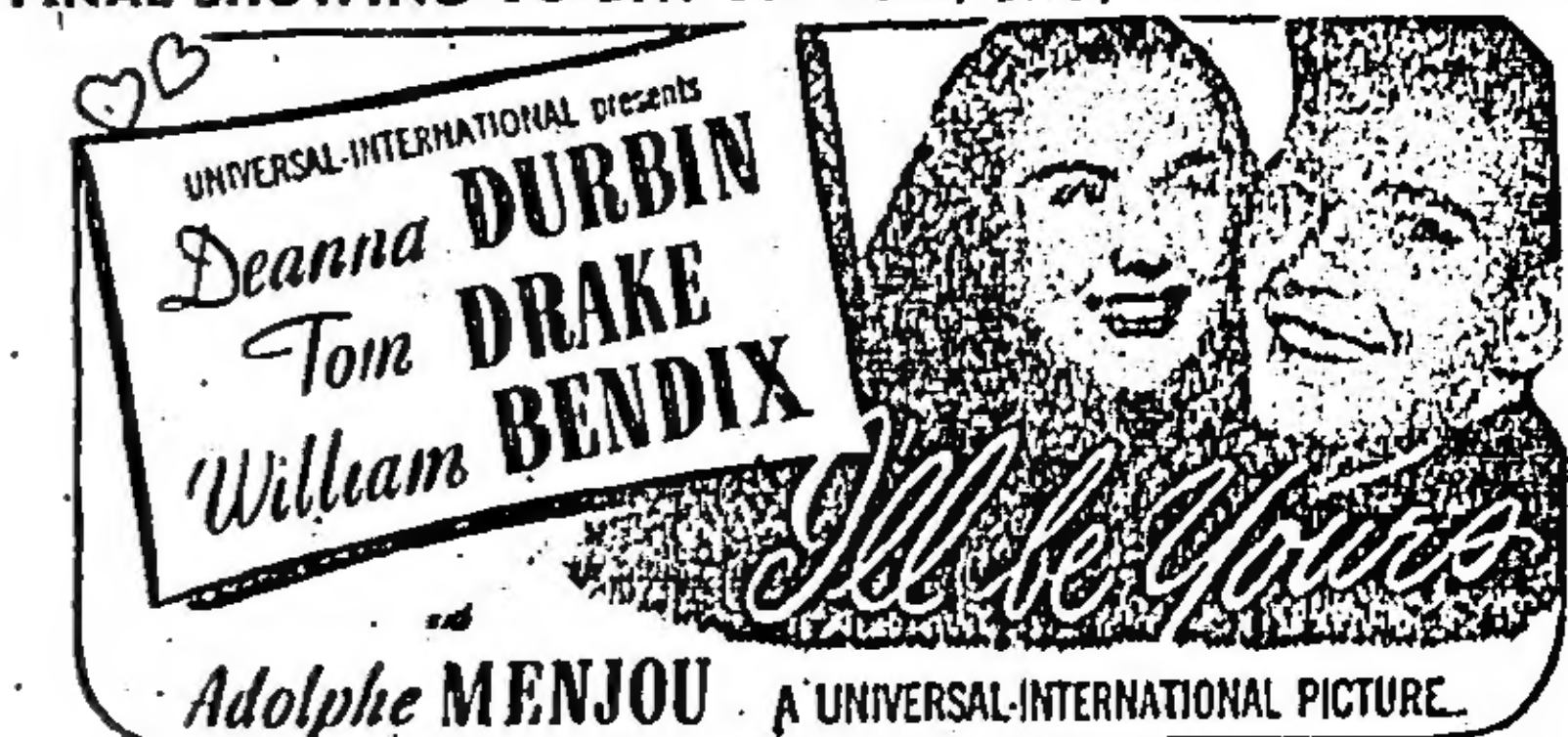
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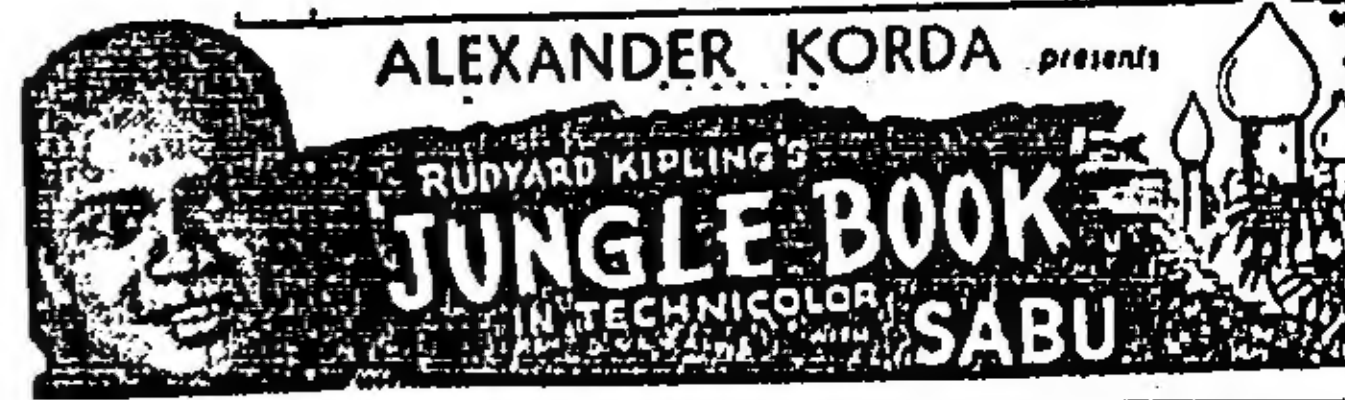
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TO-MORROW



New Evening School

The middle of this month will see the opening of yet another English Evening School, the St Joan's.

The Board of Trustees comprises former members of the St Joan's Catholic Young Women's Association who have given much time and thought to social welfare work, particularly among the underprivileged classes in Hongkong. Their object in opening this school is to help the young Chinese workers, both male and female, whose lack of knowledge of the English language is a definite handicap to their livelihood. Thus, since the capacity of the school is limited to about 180, preference will naturally be given to working class applicants, such as office boys.

The Evening School will be conducted at the premises of the newly opened Nam Wah Middle School at 10, Caine Road. These premises are some of the best in the Colony with bright and airy class-rooms especially well-equipped for evening school-work.

The Principal of the School is Miss Nellie See, B.A. (H.K.) and most of the teaching staff are graduates of the H.K. University, or qualified as teachers at the Northeast Training College. The monthly fee is \$10. After deducting running expenses, the balance will be chiefly devoted to family welfare work among the needy. Registration of students will take place at 10, Caine Road from February 10-12, from 5-7 p.m.

Radio-Hongkong

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6. Programme Summary: 6.01. "It's Swing Time"; 6.30. Portuguese Half Hour (Studio); 7.00. World News and News Analysis (London Relay); 7.15. "The Adventure of Chaimmuree" by Jonathan Rye (Studio); 7.30. Hospital Request Half Hour presented by Nan Dickinson (Studio); 8.00. "From the Editor's Desk" (London Relay); 8.10. English Madrigals sung by the Cambridge University Madrigal Society; 8.30. "Like What I Like" Presented by Angela Hampden-Ross (Studio); 9. Navy Mixtures-Melodies (HKT); 9.15. Linda Carter talks on "Pumpkin" (Studio); 9.30. London Playhouse "Junior League" by A. Cronin (Tower); 10. Radio Newswire (London); 10.15. Weather Report; 10.15. London Symphony Orchestra; 10.45. Music for Dancing; 11.15. Weather Report and Close Down.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"Your father has his first winter cold and he won't stay in bed—He always knows just what to do about anything until it happens to him!"

SATURDAY'S LEAGUE CRICKET

By "RECORDER"

A VERY ODD AFFAIR AT SOOKUNPOO

The Triangular Tournament Champions and League leaders, Army, playing nowhere else but on their home ground at Sookunpoo, met defeat on Saturday in what was, indeed, a very odd match.

The Sookunpoo wicket is, to say the least, a very tricky one. By virtue of some unwritten law, it has always been Army's prerogative to exploit it. Some Sookunpoo politics was involved. Old Man Minu, we were told a week ago, was so elated with his eight wickets for 31 runs for the IRC Veterans against the IRC Colts on Sunday a week ago that he had hinted about being available for the IRC First XI next season.

He turned up to play on Saturday, still as tricky as ever, and the presence of this historical reminder of the days when the IRC was a great team worked like a charm. But, strangely, it was not Old Man Minu who played all that havoc with Army's mighty today, indifferent tomorrow, but the left-arm spin kept the Army batsmen tied up at one end of the wicket while the IRC, patient as ever, kept "John" Arculli at the other end with his medium to fast stuff.

"Frustrated" is the word for it. Bowling throughout the season, Arculli had an average until Saturday afternoon of somewhere over 20 runs a wicket. In 12 overs on Saturday he took six Army wickets for 12 runs—Hutchinson, Burton, Davis, Murray, Brown, Dolson and Jones. Four of these wickets had, in previous days, broken the back of very much better bowling.

Minu took Banton, Haig, Jebb and Stepto, the latter top-scorer for once. There was some mighty, if short-lived hitting from Stepto. On his own, he scored one-third of all the 37 runs Army managed on that memorable afternoon, maintaining his average at between 14 and 15 runs an innings a near certainty to open against KCC next Saturday.

HOW LONG DID IT TAKE? How long did it take for the IRC to win that match? They took 83 overs to reach 34 runs whereas the Army had managed to run less than 25.5 overs. Strangely enough, there isn't a batsman in the IRC side, short of A. R. Abbas, who has an average of over 15.00 runs this season and not one who has yet

scored 150 runs from 12 League matches. For 12 matches running, the IRC XI went into the game with the utmost confidence, six times they were beaten, three times they drew. What could have been wrong with once-mighty IRC? The explanation—They were under the impression that they were all old men. Even Minu had been content to retire at an age some ten years short of that of a half-dozen League players today.

TAIL-ENDERS' DERBY Which brings us, logically, to comment on the Tail-enders' Derby at King's Park. Navy, with only the additional force of Hart behind them, triumphed over Craighower. The match was not inferior in any way to many I have seen between clubs that are standing top of the League today. If the all-round fielding left something to be desired, there were some pretty catches nevertheless.

Very much on view was the Craighower complex that insists on a dramatic recovery after being six wickets down for four runs or four wickets down for three. As much on view was Craighower's bad calling for runs. Pretty to watch was George Souza's 40 runs on a ground where four are not easy. Memorable, earlier on, was that mighty 176-yard sprint with six turns by Hart to add eight runs to Navy's score off two consecutive balls.

Souza's innings was quite in different style. He always avoids running. I understand it is a medical advice. He doesn't wallop the ball either with a butcher's swing. He just times it nicely and it streams along to the boundary. His 40 on Saturday was worth a good 70 as his 41 against KCC was worth a good 60 odd.

Souza and J. R. Inance had put on 60 runs for Craighower's fifth wicket after the first four had fallen for 10 runs. The last five fell for nine more, 15 runs short of Navy's total on first lease of the wicket.

NOT TIME ENOUGH As in their first meeting, Scorpions and Optimists played it out to a draw on Saturday. The Scorpions proved quite conclusively that they were the better team, but they lacked the time.

Alec Pearce timed his declaration at 185 for three wickets to give the Optimists an identical length of time at the wicket. The Optimists came so very near to victory (for the loss of seven wickets), that this sporting declaration almost proved disastrous.

Which reminds me of a suggestion that has been made that both teams in League matches should be given

the same length of time at the wicket and the match be decided strictly on the highest innings. Many will immediately jump up to say that it wouldn't be cricket, but Saturday afternoon cricket is not cricket anyway. It is strictly Saturday afternoon cricket and nothing more than that.

TIME TO RELAX University had as busy a time at Cox's Road, played with ungritted teeth to win easily by 10 wickets. L. G. Gosano and Prata batted confidently for their 86 runs, taking them off five bowlers in 14.1 overs.

Recreio, with the KCC all out for 41, beat the RAE by eight wickets after having dismissed the Almen for 71 at Pokfulam, a happy result seeing that all their remaining League matches are to be played there. This time they did not even require J. C. Koh, as Teh took seven wickets for 30 runs.

HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Recreio	14	9	3	2	30
Army	13	8	3	2	28
Optimists	13	6	4	3	25
University	14	6	4	4	25
Scorpions	13	6	3	4	27
KCC	13	4	4	5	20
IRC	12	3	3	6	15
RAE	10	2	4	4	12
Royal Navy	12	2	2	8	10
Craighower	12	1	2	9	6

TEST MATCH
West Indies In Good Position

Bombay, Feb. 6.—India were all out for 193 before lunch on the third day of the final Test here in reply to West Indies' first innings total of 286.

At the close of play, West Indies had scored 152 for the loss of three second innings wickets. They were thus 245 runs ahead with seven wickets remaining.

West Indies appear certain to at least force a draw, which would give them the rubber. They won the fourth Test at Madras after the first three matches had been drawn.

When Phadkar and Amarant had remained their sixth wicket partnership this morning, the Indian captain withdrew from the start, but Phadkar preferred defence to aggression. In the first 15 minutes Amarant scored all the 14 runs added, but paid the penalty for his tactics when he missed an inswinger from Trim and was bowled.

Mankad batted extremely well until he was run out, attempting to get the strike at 180. One run later Phadkar, who had batted 107 minutes, was bowled by Trim and the innings closed with Banerjee's dismissal for the wicketkeeper. Sen, who was unable to bat owing to a shoulder injury sustained on Saturday.

W. INDIANS BAT The West Indies began very cautiously, with Stollmeyer using Atkinson as a runner owing to a strained leg.

Mankad broke up the stubborn partnership, which added 41 runs in 75 minutes, when his leg break deceived Stollmeyer.

Walcott, dropped by Mankad early in his innings, made 19 before being beaten by a Phadkar outswinger with the total at 68.

There, Rane, who had been defending solidly, was joined by Weekes and the pair put on 80 before being parted just before the close of play. Weekes, who had executed some punishing strokes in the latter part of his innings, went to a beautiful ball from Hazare, which whipped in and took his leg ball.

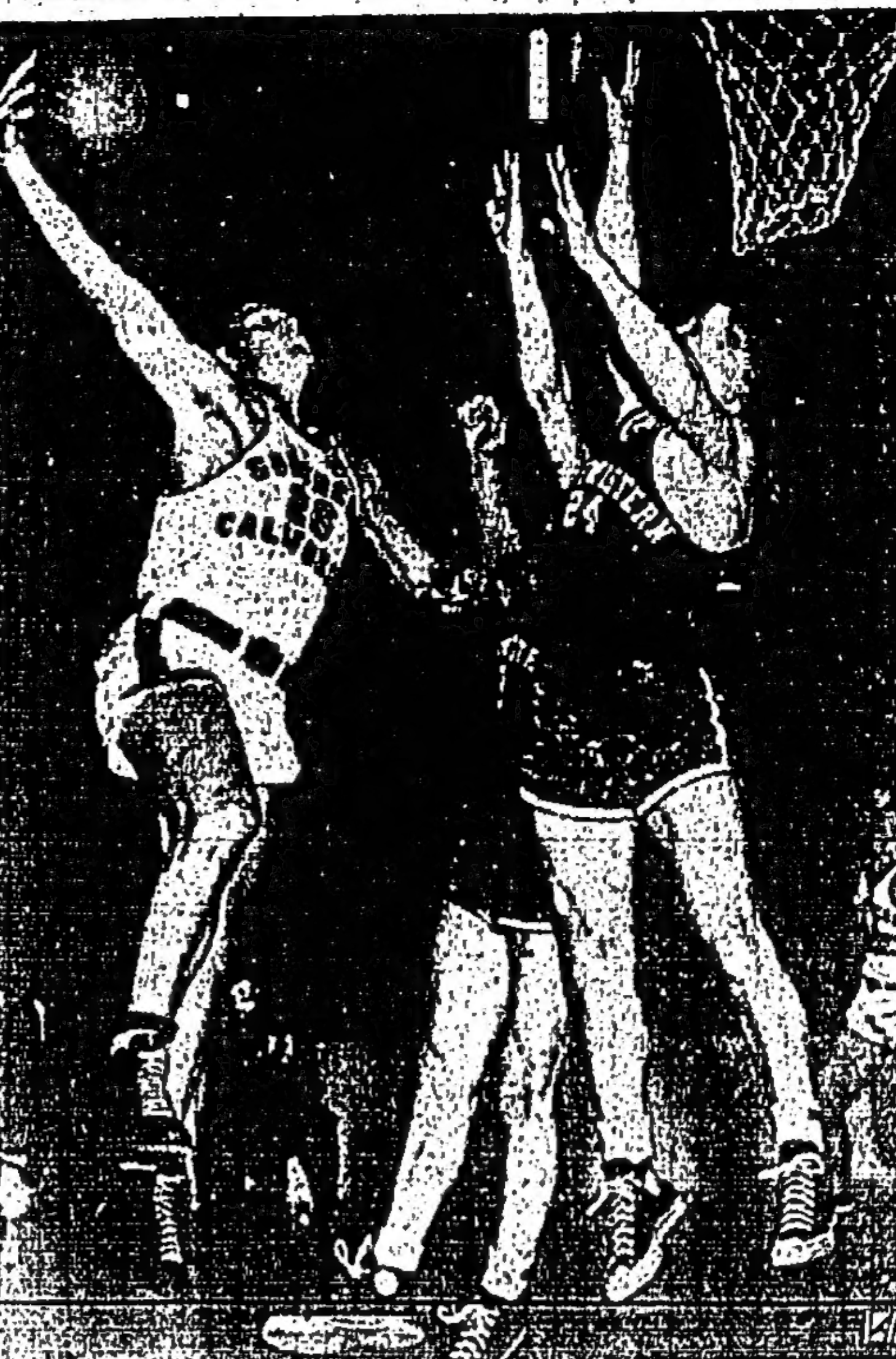
When stumps were drawn, the opening bat, Rane, was still undefeated with a chanceless 68 to his credit, after being three hours and ten minutes at the wicket. West Indies were then 245 runs ahead with seven wickets remaining.—Reuter.

RECORD SWIM Sydney, Feb. 5.—Victoria's swimmer John Marshall today smashed the 12-year-old Australian 440-yard free-style record by 3.9 seconds. His time was 4:48.1. The previous record 4:52, was set by the American Jack Medden, on March 23, 1937.—United Press.

Tribu Is Easier Cleveland, Feb. 6.—The Negro outfielder, Larry Doby, and pitcher Frank Papash have agreed to the 1949 terms with the Cleveland Indians, business manager Rubio Schaffner announced today.

The terms of the contracts were not divulged. The signing, boosted to 10 the number of Tribesmen who have accepted the 1949 contracts.—United Press.

BEHIND THE BASKET?



Centre Stan Christie of the USC Trojans looks as if he's trying to shoot through the backboard as he swings around behind the Northwestern basket in a twisting attempt to score in the game played at Los Angeles. Northwestern toppled the Trojans, 38 to 35.—AP Wirephoto.

Who Will Be England's Next Test Captain?

London, Feb. 6.—With George Mann proving himself an extremely capable captain of the MCC team in South Africa and the announcement that the former England captain, Norman Yardley, will again captain Yorkshire, speculation is rife as to who will lead England against the New Zealanders this coming season.

This speculation is not only confined to this year's cricket. It is being taken for granted that whoever skips England in the coming summer will also do so in Australia in 1950.

Doubtless the selectors will bear in mind the availability of both players for the Australian tour before picking the captain against New Zealand.

Yardley, it appears, is most unlikely to be able to manage the Australian trip but there also seems to be some doubt whether Mann will be able to go either. He has informed one of the British cricket writers with the MCC team that he intends to retire from first-class cricket at the end of this summer and return to business.

Whether Mann will be dissuaded from this idea remains to be seen. Who then could captain England next season and also against the Australians? The only amateur that comes readily to mind who would fill the bill seems to be Freddie Brown, the old Surrey Test player, and now the captain of Northamptonshire.

A PROFESSIONAL? But what about a professional skipper? The same old battle as to whether a professional should captain England has once again started.

While there are still those who are of the same viewpoint as the late Lord Hawke, who hoped the day would never dawn when England would be captained by a professional, there are others who would like to see experienced players like Hutton or Washbrook given the chance.

Whether these players would accept the post is another matter. Probably they would not. But there are those who think they should be given the chance of re-fusing.

The view is expressed by one British cricket writer now in South Africa that even if he could go, Mann is hardly good enough or experienced enough to lead England against Australia and that, "If English cricket wants to be far-sighted, Hutton's reward for a triumphant tour here should be the early announcement of his appointment as captain against the New Zealanders next summer."

Only a few days later, the columnist of another British national paper topped his column with "England will not have a pro as cricket captain," underlining the word "not." He stated categorically: "The MCC Committee will not be swayed by the agitation to bring this about. Their policy is based on sound common sense. They think an amateur, preferably a University or public school man, is best for the job. His training and his back-ground give him something the others have not got."

There you have the two points of view. You can argue for and against both as much as you like, but if you are a betting man, you had better put your money on the amateur.—Reuter.

Wack Wack Tournery Manila, Feb. 6.—Stuart R. Barnett of the Manila Golf Club, Philippine amateur golf champion, clinched his title by an impressive victory yesterday over Aquilino C. Collina, Jr., of Negros Golf Club. In the final 36-hole match of the 1949 tournament at the Wack Wack. The score was four and three.—United Press.

PING PONG PORTALS OPEN TO THE JAPANESE

Stockholm, Feb. 6.—A threatened walkout of three countries from the International Table Tennis Federation over admission of Japan and Spain was averted yesterday. The two countries were admitted to ITTF membership on Saturday night. This caused Hungary, Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia to leave the meeting. It was even feared the three countries would take their teams out of the world tournament.

Ivor Montagu of Britain, ITTF President for 20 years, threatened not to be a candidate for re-election if unity was not restored. At the forenoon meeting yesterday the Eastern delegates still did not appear but said they might participate in the tournament. They were telephoning their home countries for instructions.

Political drama continued during the afternoon session. The United States put a compromise proposal that Japan should not be allowed to start in world championship tournaments but that any country who wanted to play Japan should be allowed to do so.

The session accepted this proposal. By telephone the Eastern delegates also accepted it and later came back to the meeting.

The drama raised the question in table tennis circles whether Hungary would be chosen as host for next year's championship. One question asked was, if a political line is drawn between the East and West in sports, will Hungary admit players from all countries?

Hungary is scheduled to arrange the championships next year but some guarantees may be asked before a decision is taken.—Associated Press.

Tourney Results Stockholm, Feb. 5.—England, holders of the Women's Corbillion Cup, beat Italy 3-0 in the World Table Tennis matches today.

In the Men's matches for the Swaythling Cup, Czechoslovakia, the holders, defeated Brazil 5-1. Wales beat Finland 5-0. Hungary defeated Luxembourg 5-0. Yugoslavia defeated Norway 5-0. Holland defeated Scotland 5-1. Austria beat Switzerland 5-1 and Sweden beat Denmark 5-1.

As play began to-day Hungary and France were tied with three wins each at the head of group "A" of the Swaythling Cup.

England led in group "B" of the Corbillion Cup with three wins against Austria's 2.

Czechoslovakia with 3 wins led in group "A".

Other results: In the morning session of the Corbillion Cup, were USA beat Holland 3-0, Denmark beat Norway 3-0 and Scotland beat Yugoslavia 3-0.

England beat Italy 5-1 in the Swaythling Cup Group "B".—Associated Press.

Hockey In Purdah Singapore, Feb. 5.—If Malay women want to play hockey they must screen the playing fields from male spectators.

"Some women players are half naked," said Jahl Sharif Kathi of Kuala Lumpur, in giving Islam's attitude of the issue which has been raging in Malaysia for the past month.

"All parts of Muslim women's body must be covered except the face and hands," the Muslim leader said.

"Hockey playing for Muslim women is unlawful," he said, "the women are watched by men when their bodies are properly covered."—Associated Press.

Softball Tour Wellington, New Zealand, Feb. 6.—The first New Zealand women's softball team to make an overseas tour will go to Australia in March to participate in an international tournament in Melbourne.—United Press.

THE WEEK-END SCOREBOARD

FOOTBALL

FIRST DIVISION

Eastern	4	Police	2
Navy	0	Kitchee	1
Kwan Wah	1	St. Joseph's	2
CAA	1	Army	1
S. China "B"	1	KMB	4

HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
S. China "A"	13	12	1	0	40	13	25
KMB	13	10	0	3	40	15	20
Chinese AA	14	9	2	3	35	20	19
Army	14	8	3	3	33	24	19
Eastern	13	7	1	5	43	18	16
Kitchee	14	7	1	6	32	25	15
S. China "B"	5	5	3	5	32	34	13
St. Joseph's	13	5	2	6	30	32	12
Club	12	4	2	6	23	27	10
Police	11	3	6	19	30	7	9
Navy	13	2	2	9	17	30	6
RAF	13	1	2	10	15	4	3
Kwan Wah	14	1	1	12	15	40	3

SECOND DIVISION

Navy	5	Talkoo	1
KMB	0	CAA	0
Army (K)	2	S. China	2
Army (HK)	4	Tramways	2
Police	5	WD Chinese	1
Kitchee	6	Solihors	4
Dockyard	2	PCA	1

HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
CAA	10	12	2	2	59	17	26
S. China	17	11	4	2	38	17	25
Army (K)	14	10	3	1	50	17	23
KMB	14	10	3	1	53	15	23
Army (HK)	18	10	2	4	39	41	22
St. Joseph's	17	9	2	4	42	30	20
Dockyard	10	6	2	6	38	54	14
Police	16	4	5	7	29	40	13
Tramways	15	5	2	8	30	40	12
Club	16	5	2	9	24	42	12
PCA	15	5	1	9	24	41	11
S. China "A"	17	5	1	11	27	43	11
Talkoo	15	4	0	11	22	48	8
WD Chinese	10	2	3	11	24	64	7
Solihors	16	1	0	15	18	66	2

HOCKEY

Khalda	4	YMCA	2
Civil Service	4	Police	1
C & W	3	University	1
RAF	1	Dockyard	0

LAWN BOWLS

KDRC	75	HKVDC	72
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RUGGER

INTERNATIONAL TOURNEY

England	9	International XV	0
Scotland	14	Ireland & W	0

SOFTBALL

SENIOR LEAGUE

Canadians	10	Overseas	7
Madcaps	7	VRC	5
Khalda	8	Sainte	11
HKBC	9	Philippine	6

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Rangers	5	Mohawks	12
Braves	3	Jaguars	8
Wildfires	4	Blackhawks	6

LADIES' LEAGUE

Pirates	1	Wildcats	22
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Best Performances In Saturday's League Cricket

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K. A. Miller	(Optimists v. Scorpions) .. 42*
L. G. Gosano	(Recreio v. KCC) 32*
Prof. L. T. Rile	(University v. RAF) .. 32*
Cpl Hart	(Navy v. CCC) .. 32

BOWLING

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League Cricket Averages

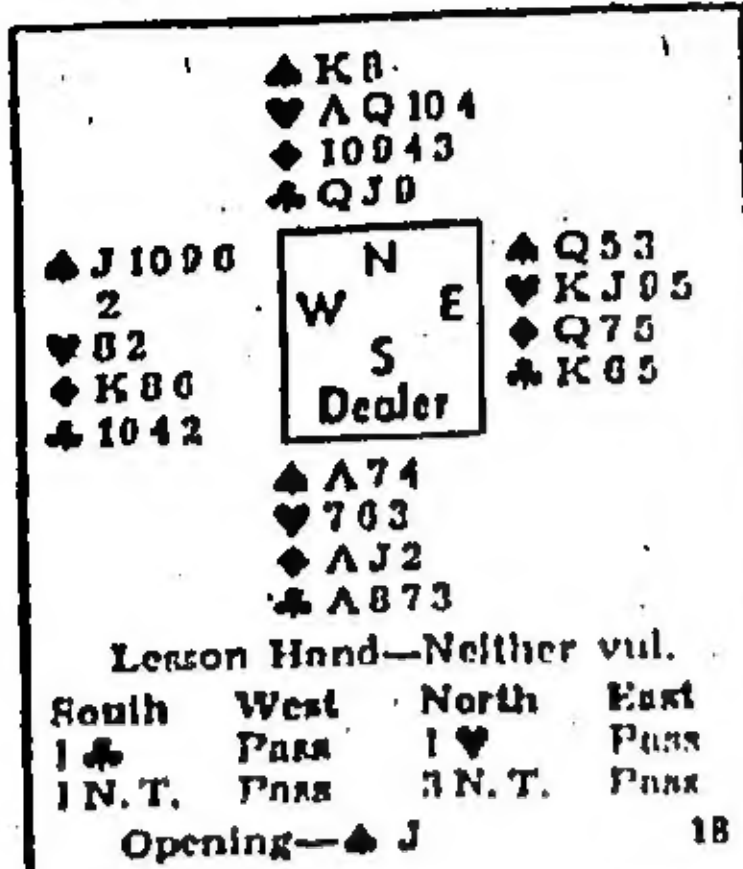
BATTING:

	Innings	Not Out	Runs	Highest Score	Average
L. G. Gosano (Recreio)	13	4	411	62*	45.66
N. F. Stokes (Scorpions)	12	2	404	110	40.40
H. Owen-Hughes (Scorpions)	10	5	199	30*	39.80
J. M. Gosano (University)	14	3	417	122*	37.90
A. M. Prata (Recreio)	11	3	277	56	34.67
L. D. Kilbee (Optimists)	11	1	305	85*	30.50
T. A. Pearce (Scorpions)	9	1	213	85	30.42
G. A. Souza (Craighower)	11	3	236	49	29.50
Dr. E. L. Gosano (Recreio)	12	4	233	70	29.12
W. M. Davidson (KCC)	6	0	167	53	27.83
O. J. Kerr (Scorpions)	10	4	155	47*	25.83
Major A. R. Dawe (Army)	12	2	258	78	25.80
R. W. Franklin (Optimists)	10	2	205	47	25.62
N. H. Oliver (Optimists)	10	1	203	71	24.33
A/C J. S. Batne (RAF)	10	2	171	57*	22.55
F. Howarth (Scorpions)	10	2	171	57*	22.55
D. H. Leach (Scorpions)	10	1	181	48	20.11
M. M. Little (Optimists)	11	1	184	56*	18.40
F/O M. D. Marshall (RAF)	9	0	101	39	17.93
L. G. Gosano (Recreio)	10	1	156	39	17.33
F. R. Zimmer (KCC)	9	0	109	63	17.27
C. Hong Choy (Craighower)	9	0	154	39	17.11
A. Zimmer	9	0	232	42	16.57
Major C. R. Murray-Brown (Army)	13	2	181	62*	16.45
N. Hart-Daker (KCC)	13	0	213	63	16.38
G. T. Rowe (Optimists)	13	1	189	58*	15.75

*Not Out. Qualification: 150 runs with an average of 15.00 or over.

BOWLING:

FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

LESSON HAND
McKENNEY ON BRIDGEHere's When NOT
To Cover an Honour

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

THE beginner at contract bridge is apt to be confused by the playing convention that advises you always to cover an honour with an honour. Generally speaking, that is the correct play but, if your honour is guarded, it may not pay to cover.

For example, if the dummy holds a singleton jack and you hold four to the king, you should not cover the jack. However, the mistake most often made is the one demonstrated in today's hand.

Declarer wins the opening lead of the jack of spades with dummy's king, and leads the queen of clubs. Should East cover that honour with his honour? He should not. He has three clubs to the king, therefore he should not cover the first honour, but should wait until the second one is played.

If East covers the queen with the king, declarer can win with the ace, lead a small club and finesse dummy's nine-spot. Thus he will make all four club tricks.

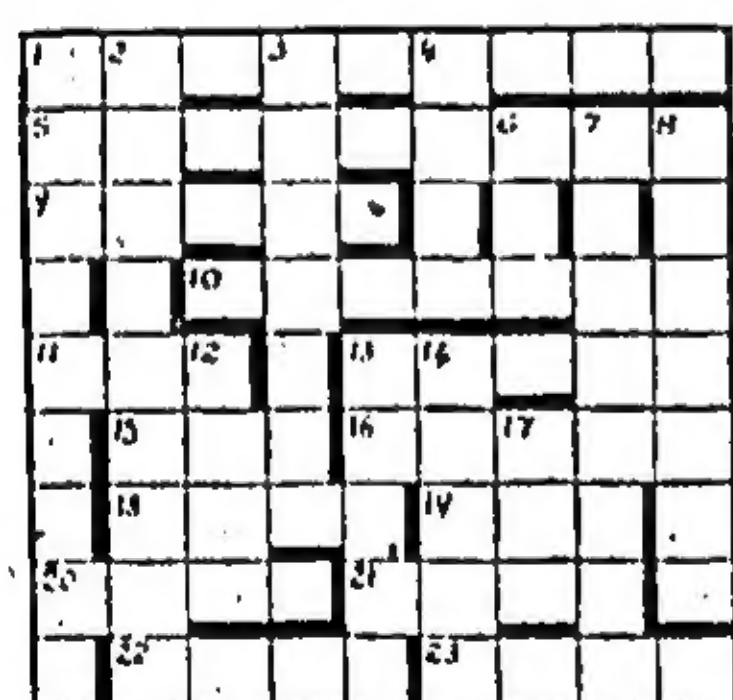
If East refuses to cover the first honour, declarer has to lose a club trick, regardless of what he does. If he leads the jack of clubs, East covers and then West's ten makes. If declarer leads the nine of clubs, East lets it ride and declarer has to go up with the ace or West's ten takes the trick.

Check Your Knowledge

1. What bodies of water separate Eire from Great Britain?
2. What was the former name of Oslo, capital of Norway?
3. Who wrote "Nights With Uncle Remus"?
4. "The Eternal City" refers to what?
5. What is the meaning of "Deo volente"?
6. Name the first Christian emperor of Rome.

(Answers at foot of Column.)

CROSSWORD



- Across
1. Spectral. (10)
 2. A storm that does this is evidently fit for animals to be out in. (4, 3, 4)
 3. Messenger. (5)
 4. How does from this in the garden? (7)
 5. Always noticed in an illness. (5)
 6. The earth and its inhabitants. (10)
 7. Scrumptiously very sad. (3)
 8. Briefly the animal seen in a snip portfolio on. (5)
 9. Left over or worthless according to the Scot. (4)
 10. Alighted. (3)
 11. Colour. (4)
 12. How Noel disfigure himself as an old-time comedian. (4)
 13. Vegetable from the lake. (4)
 14. Certainly not plentiful. (4)

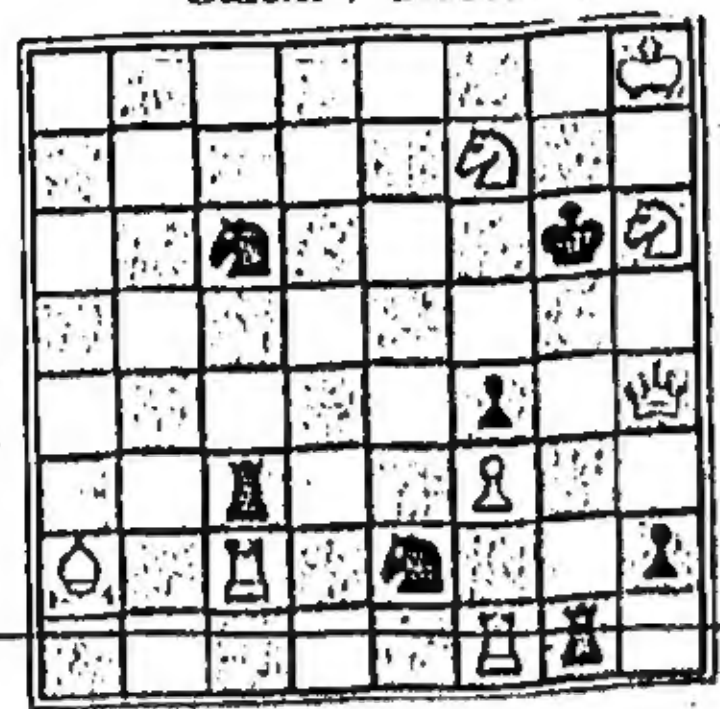
- Down
1. Sort of fruit to engage ties; in the orchard. (10)
 2. It will prove you with a wink. (10)
 3. A pot game really. (7)
 4. Thoroughfare. (4)
 5. Label. (3)
 6. As carver to he may be useless at the head of the table. (10)
 7. See across. (12)
 8. Learning. (4)
 9. It can swim. (5)
 10. The job is to make things go smoother. (5)
 11. Often split for use by mechanics. (3)

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE
Answers

1. St. George's Channel, the Irish Sea and the North Channel.
2. Christiania (before 1925).
3. Joel Chandler Harris.
4. Rome, Italy.
5. God willing.
6. Constantine I (the Great).

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CHESS PROBLEM

By P. BARRON
Black: 7 pieces.White: 8 pieces.
White to play and mate in two.
Solution to Saturday's problem:

1. BxK: threat 2. Q-B8 (ch);
2. B-K12; 2. B-B6: 1...
K1-K2; 2. Q-K3 (ch); 1...
K-Q8; 2. RXP (ch).

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Blinky's Underground House

—Its Ceiling Was Full of Vegetables—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, were visiting their friend Blinky Mole. The talk turned to the kind of houses that different people chose to live in.

"Now my kind of houses," said Blinky as he pushed his spectacles back over his forehead. "I built differently from most other houses. But it's the only kind of house I'd care to live in. In fact," he added, "it's the only kind of house I could ever be happy, or comfortable, or safe in."

"It's an underground house," said Hanid.

"Some people might think it was just a hole-in-the-ground," said Blinky. "They mightn't be happy in it at all. Take the children, for instance. I don't think they'd like living in an underground house."

"Wouldn't be happy?" said Knarf.

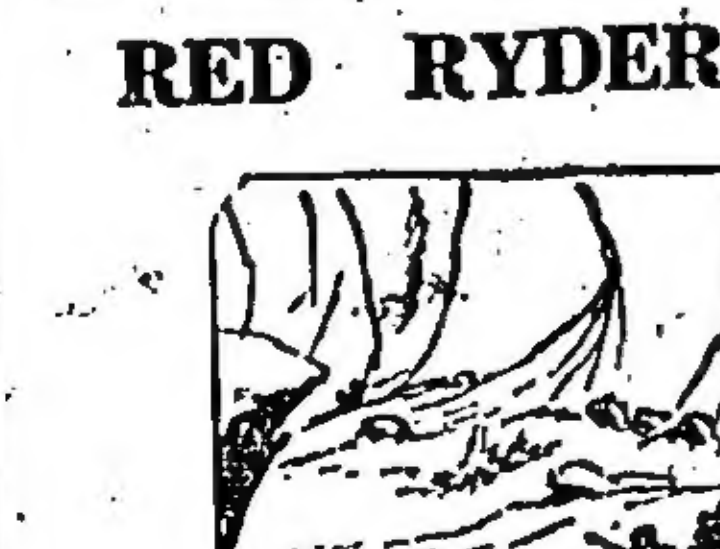
Knarf and Hanid both said they didn't think the children—the children's mother and father—either would be at all happy living underground.

"They like living on top of the ground," said Blinky. "They like windows for the sun to come in. 'Sunshine is nice. It's cheerful,' said Hanid.

"It makes everything bright and shiny," said Knarf.

Blinky shook his head and drew his spectacles back over his eyes again. The spectacles had dark glasses. "Sunshine is cheerful," he agreed. "I only wish I could stand it."

Rupert's Elf Bell—4



Mr. Bear doesn't think Rupert's question is very serious. "What happens to the smoke? Why, it just blows away, of course," he declares. But Rupert is not to be put off. "Yes, but where does it blow to?" he insists. "Why isn't other people's smoke always blowing here? Where is all the smoke that has been going up for years and years?" Mr. Bear scratches his head. "What awkward things you do ask!" he says. "I think you'd better ask your mother. She may answer you!"

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AROUND THE WORLD:

A Mediterranean Resort

By TEMPLE MANNING

WE often wonder why a playwright, perfectly one with true Gallic wit, has never done a play about Alsace, that most delightful of Mediterranean resorts. For there it is, a lovely lush Ligurian town, that, before the war, from November to May, used to be more English than England—a complete microcosm of the middle class social structure. Then, after the heat was supposed to have become insufferable for the colony, the place was taken by Italians for the summer season, with the visitors not only doubling up but trebling and even quadrupling up, with prices to match, as they always are at such times.

An Alsatian once told us that this English were discouraged during this grand summer season because they wanted their own room, at reasonable rates, while the Italians didn't mind paying double for just a corner of a small room. So that as it may, it used to bring money pouring into this lovely town, this most delightful of little resorts.

Resort Costume

The Italians in what seemed to be their great big resort costume—pyjamas—were amusing. The English colony with its fruitfully colored and looking retired civil servants, its folk of nondescript social origins, was a study. The social order was clearly defined, and there were the natural leaders of the social arbiters.

Imagine all this going on in a place full of sunshine, of flowers set in olive groves and green-clad hills with the blue Mediterranean as a sea playground! But let's forget it and walk about lovely Alsace, starting off along the famous Pussiegata, the promenade that parallels the Mediterranean.



Sailing craft in harbor near Alsace, Italy.

The cafes along the promenade have huge red-brown awnings that stretch across to the parapet above the beach, much more comfortable than the tables protected by big sun umbrellas. Some of the cafes used to put on quite nice outdoor shows, something like the old English seaside shows.

We always like the little side streets, so picturesque with their tall stone mansions that are cool in summer, warm in winter. Some of the side streets are like tunnels with glimpses of the deep blue sea at the opening.

Main Street

The stone-paved main street with its dark little shops is always cool and pleasant. Beyond this thoroughfare in the direction of Santa Croce and Languella, both lovely places, beautiful suburbs were developed in the period between the two world wars. Pink, blue, white and yellow villas, bowered in colorful roses, dot the lower slopes of the hills that form a background for the town. Gardens green with lovely trees, make lovely places to get away from it all.

The majority of these villas, when we visited them, belonged to English people, with visitors from America the most popular house guests. Yes, life in lovely Alsace was easy and delightful. It will be interesting to learn how much of it has survived or if a new order has taken over. But nothing can ever detract from the physical beauty of this lovely Ligurian resort twixt mountains and sea.

(Tomorrow—Science At Work)

BY THE WAY
by Beachcomber

HOW are your thought-concepts? Not that I care a farthing rushlight, but a she-novelist has been saying that if they are wrong everything about you is wrong.

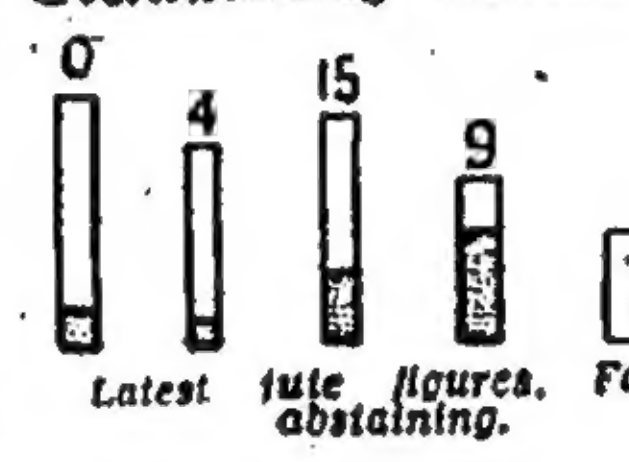
I wonder if this is the she-novelist who said to a fellow pest at a boosting party before the war, "How do you work the psychological angle?" and received the reply, "I just try to let it emerge from the build-up."

Strabismus on the Amazon (IV)

(From Mrs. Rawlins)

THE CAMP FIRE quenched, and all around us the tropical night. Somewhere an anteater howls, and the soft padding feet of a hoatzin, on the prowl for its prey, die in the distance. The smell of rotting vegetation rises like a miasma from the swamp where the igapoe are sleeping. A tiny shrive (coelogenys marmarotica), nibbles at the pegs of my tent. I hear Strabismus blundering among the trees, aiming blows at a Kin-kajou-eating racoon with his overcoat. A shot rings out, shattering the primal silence. Slipping on a robe, I see from the opening of my tent, Mr. Howarde opening a huge lapir through the pampas. Tomorrow we shall have tapir back with our steamed ilchen. Back to bed. Silence settles over where Strabismus, using his overcoat like a flail, beats the plumed cane-grass in search of the elusive racoon which, we learn later had eaten his braces.

Overwhelming evidence



"Say some poetry," vouchsafed Odette

I READ that team of experts from Unesco "is said to be carrying out a study of sex at high altitudes." This opens such vistas of fun that I prefer to deal with it at greater length in my forthcoming work: "Platonic Love Above The Snow-Line."

YOUR BIRTHDAY..... By STELLA

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7

BORN today, you are a great student of human nature and are deeply interested in the problems of others. Your interest, however, does not stop with theorizing, for you are eager to do something about conditions. You even may put into practice theories which may bring you considerable contemporary criticism, at first, but fame eventually.

Given the gift of words, you may do considerable writing in the field of inspirational or constructive vocational guidance. Since you have a sense of the dramatic, you also can write excellent fiction. It, however, always would have a certain amount of social significance and would not be entirely for entertainment.

You are fond of mixing with all kinds of people and studying them.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—If seeking a new job you should find what you want. Let it be known around that you are looking for one!

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Nerves may be having a minor case of the jitters, but remain calm and all will turn out for the best.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Guard your health and avoid getting into unnecessary discussions or arguments with your friends.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Patience and a "down to earth" policy about everything will make things easiest for you right now.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Morning continues good. Finish things begun yesterday. This afternoon will take tact to evade difficulties.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—All things connected with liquids are favoured. Even a journey by water today should turn out well.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Changes are in the air. Be tactful lest a romance be shattered by some thoughtless action. Diplomacy pays.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—A good day for romance; also, for writing that letter you have been neglecting these many long days.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Yesterday's activities continue good. Those in the entertainment field are especially favoured.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—A moderate day which you can improve by your own attitude toward things. If you yourself are progressive, matters will progress, too.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Romance appears well-favoured now. If concerned in public affairs, they should develop successfully.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—General business affairs improve, particularly for those connected with advertising, mail-order sales and art.

By Fred Harman

RED RYDER

What Say?



FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

Drastic Overhaul For Jap Silk Industry

Tokyo, Feb. 6.—Japanese silk exports are planning a drastic reorganization of this industry so that it will survive the anticipated crisis resulting from the fixing of a single exchange rate for the yen.

They fear that under present conditions Japan's silk industry will be unable to stand up to international competition after an exchange rate is established, owing to the high postwar production costs. It is generally believed that the Government will give financial aid to Japanese exporters of silk and other commodities during a period of approximately six months following the fixing of a foreign exchange rate.

UK Cleared Of Sharp Practice Allegations

Washington, Feb. 5.—Mr. Howard Bruce, Deputy Administrator of the Economic Co-operation Administration, said today that there was no evidence that the United Kingdom, the Netherlands and Belgium had shipped back to the United States aluminum or lead which they had previously imported under the ECA programme. Mr. Bruce said: "There were no improprieties on the part of the three governments involved in these transactions."

He added that investigation showed that some of the two metals recorded as coming from the United Kingdom and the Netherlands actually originated elsewhere.

He said: "Furthermore, the study indicated with regard to Belgium that much of the lead exported to the United States was under the control of non-Belgian refining facilities in the processing of concentrates en route to their destination."

The ECA started the investigation in November when a sharp increase in lead and aluminum imports from these countries was reported at a time when ECA was managing exports of virgin metals to the United Kingdom and the Netherlands.—United Press.

HONGKONG SHARES

The turnover on the Stock Exchange this morning was \$212,120.00. Transactions and noon prices:

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	PAID
INDIAN	730	50	740
Underwriters	810	51	
DOCKERS	140	140	
Water (C)	140	140	
N.P. Wharf	71		
Provident	10	1500	1520
LAND, ETC.			
Shai Land	1540	1520	140
	320	340	300
			310
Humbreys	1350	14	
UTILITIES			
Tram	2140	200	137
Star Ferry	1371	200	136
		200	150
C. Light (C)	1570	500	111
C. Light (N)	400	400	404
Electric	304	404	100
		400	400
		700	351
INDUSTRIALS	35	800	415
Cement	404	22	1000
Stores, ETC.	214		
Dairy (New)		64	100
Watson (C)		61	
Watson (N)		2815	
Wane Crawford			
COTTONS			
Ewo	8	0.70	

PAKISTAN AN "OPEN DOOR"

London, Feb. 6.—Mr. K. H. Rahman, Pakistan Commissioner in Australia, said in Canberra that Pakistan's import policy represented "practically an open door to world trade," according to Radio Australia. Increased trade between Australia and Pakistan is expected to result from the Australian Federal Government's decision to appoint a Trade Commissioner in Pakistan, the Radio said.—Reuter.

OUTWARD MAILS

Unless otherwise stated, registered articles and parcel posts close minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mails close before 10 a.m., registered and parcel posts close at 5 p.m. on the previous day. Mails are closed at Hong Kong Central Post Office, half an hour earlier than the GPO closing times.

Closing Times By Air
Shanghai, Nanking, Tsingtao, Peking, Kuning, Luchow, Swatow, Amoy, Taipei and Poochow, 3.30 p.m.
Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bahrain, Alexandria (Nairobi, Johannesburg and Harare) via Alexandria, Rome and London (CPO) 4.30 p.m.
(GPO) 5 p.m.
Salon and Paris, 5 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea
Hankow, Hiohow, 3 p.m.
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8
Closing Times By Air
Manila, Honolulu, USA, and Canada, 8 p.m.
Air Parcel Posts for Manila, Honolulu and USA (CPO) 4.30 p.m.; (GPO) 5 p.m.
Ordinary Airmail (Printed Matters, Samples and Small Packet Posts) for Manila, Guam, Hongkong and USA, (CPO) 4.30 p.m.; (GPO) 5 p.m.
Bangkok, 5 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea
Manila, Batavia, Australia and New Zealand via Sydney, 3 p.m.
Austral, 5 p.m.
Hiohow, 3 p.m.
Pakhol, via Hiohow, Noon.
Swatow, 1 p.m.

Japan is counting heavily on silk exports to earn much-needed foreign currency. The silk trade had become increasingly active since the postwar resumption of Japan's foreign trade.

According to the Government's Silk Bureau, Japan exported a total of 78,881 bales of raw silk last year. The United States was the largest buyer with over 44,000 bales, followed by Britain with 9,895 bales, Hongkong 6,655 bales, Switzerland 6,220 bales, Australia and New Zealand 5,427 bales, and French Indo-China 940 bales.

With more than 10,000 bales already exported to foreign countries during the first 10 days of January this year, silk exports for 1949 are expected to show an appreciable increase.—Reuter.

PETITION TO ROYAL

Tokyo, Feb. 6.—The Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry, yesterday, submitted a petition to the visiting United States Army Secretary, Mr. Kenneth Royall, asking him to consider their recommendations for Japan's economic recovery.

The highlights of the recommendations are:
1. More loans for export industries and the expansion of the foreign trade fund's special account.
2. The reform of the Government's administrative structure.
3. The revision of the taxation system.—Reuter.

Sh'hai Expects Lifting Of Restrictions

Shanghai, Feb. 7.—All Shanghai is expecting an official announcement removing most of the restrictions on transactions in gold, silver and foreign currencies.

According to rumours circulating among business circles, an announcement is expected within the next two days. These rumours said that when the ban was lifted the Central Bank would regulate the market through the dumping of gold and silver and would issue daily quotations for gold.

Meanwhile, the Finance Minister, Mr. Hsu Kih, has left a secret for Canton after a hurried visit to Nanking on Saturday afternoon under summons from President Li Tsung-jen.

It is said that he will attend a Cabinet meeting in Canton and then return to Shanghai.—Reuter.

Austro-Indian Trade Increase

Vienna, Feb. 6.—Austria and India are expected to conclude a trade agreement in March, following successful negotiations between Mr. Ramaswamy, the Indian trade delegate, and the Austrian Trade Ministry.

The object of the talks has been to widen the basis of Austro-Indian trade. A total of £2 million, or £2½ million a year in each direction is expected.

India would supply cotton, wool, jute and ores and Austria would pay mainly with steel and iron products.

Austrian trade with India has been very slight in the past. Austrian exports to India reached only 40 million schillings (£1 million) in the first 11 months of 1948, while imports from India to Austria totalled only half that sum in the same period.—Reuter.

UK Investments In Brazil

London, Feb. 5.—British investments in Brazil have dropped to a little over £200,000,000 against a pre-war figure of £280,000,000 and a peak of £285,000,000 in 1928, a survey by the South American Journal showed today.

Investments were reduced between 1947 and 1948 by 5.38 million sterling—they now total 207.07 million sterling.

The average return for the whole amount last year was 3.1 percent, against 3.7 percent in the previous year.

The amount going without interest increased last year from 11.9 to 10.3 percent, "owing to further unfortunate experience of the railway group."—United Press.

Exchange Rates

*Business was done in the local un-official exchange market this morning at the following rates:
Sterling pound-note (per £1) 15.20
U.S. dollar (per \$1) 5.14
Gold bars (per 100) 314.50
FIC (per 100) 24.20
Siam (per 100) 30.20
N.E. (per 100) 30.20
Gold yuan (per 100) 30.20

SPRING WILL BRING A RED ASSAULT AGAINST NANKING

New Defence Plan Likely To Prove A Bubble

Shanghai, Feb. 7.—The Chinese Communists may sit and talk wordily about peace for a while yet, but they certainly will not let spring advance very far before they strike militarily at China's heartland.

The first early hint of spring already is in the air in this region along the Yangtse River.

Nationalist China, having lost the north in battle, is now but half a nation with two incomplete and ineffective segments of government.

The refugee government newly established at Canton in the south is a body without a head. The holdout government of acting President Li Tsung-jen in Nanking is a head without a body.

Meanwhile, the onetime ruler of all China, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, meditates in his palatial home near his native Fenghua. He is as heavily guarded as the U.S. gold hoard at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and his plans are equally well hidden.

It is beginning to appear that before Chiang went into his highly qualified retirement on January 21, he adroitly stacked the cards against his successor, acting President Li. Peace deals were apparently doomed before they started.

DOGGED PERSISTENCE

Li, left alone at Nanking, doggedly persists, despite complications that make his chances seem hopeless. The Reds have contributed to his hopelessness by insisting that Li arrest Chiang and others as "war criminals" to prove his sincerity.

Li could no more arrest Chiang than he could fly to the moon, and the Communists know it.

This also is clear: If Chiang thought that by hobnobbing Li and stepping aside, he could stir a public demand for his own return to power, he has utterly failed. There has been no demand for him to return, and none is developing.

That does not mean that he may not some day suddenly show up in Canton or elsewhere to head a fugitive government.

Those most apt to remain personally loyal to Chiang have been moving steadily south. Some already are at Canton. Others are supposedly deploying along a defence line in Chekiang, Kiangsi and Hunan provinces, the tier just south of the Yangtse River.

A WRY LAUGH

This reputed deployment gives foreign military men a wry laugh. They say that an army which, with an air force and navy, could not hold so formidable a line as the Yangtse, could not hold anything.

So, if peace talk finally ends, there is no point in getting excited about a new Chiang defence setup. It will be a bubble.

If the Reds cross the Yangtse—and there evidently is nothing to stop them—their time table for the 700 mile course south to Canton will be governed by their own supply problems more than by any enemy.

The Canton government venture itself seems unlikely to last long. Most government departments already are there, and have been given a frigid welcome.

Some onlookers are predicting that the fugitive government will die in a few weeks.—Associated Press.

Cleaning Up The English Language

NATIONAL THEATRE APPROVED

London, Feb. 6.—Britain's two major political parties were united today on the need for curing future generations of talking American slang.

Conservatives and Labourites hoped alike that the proposed National Theatre in London would restore the language of Shakespeare to the infected tongues of British youth.

For the Conservatives, Mr Oliver Lyttleton provided the Commons on Friday with an imitation of an American mother teaching her daughter English poetry. He drew roars from the House with a Brooklyn accent—that should be spotted as phony as far west as San Francisco.

Mrs Leah Manning, speaking from the Labour back bench, said the National Theatre would give the children a fresh opportunity for hearing English beautifully spoken.

URLY SPEECH

"So many of our children speak in clipped and urly speech and American idiom which is very unfortunate," she said.

Mrs Manning is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Perrett of Rockford, Illinois.

The Daily Herald devoted a column-long editorial to praise the Commons' action in giving the bill a third reading. It said that British youngsters picked up American idiom from Hollywood films.

The Daily Mail, under the headline "MPs call in the Bard," declared: "If the MPs have their way it will still be 'Alas, poor Yorick' and not 'He's had it pal'."—United Press.

Supporters Fete Portuguese Pres.

Oporto, Feb. 6.—Marshall Antonio Carmona, Portuguese President and Governmental Party candidate standing for re-election next Sunday, was carried shoulder high through the streets here today.

He was making his first official appearance in public since the electoral campaign started on January 3. Crowds estimated at 300,000 turned out to see him.

The Avenue of the Allies was packed with cheering people, shouting "We want Carmona." This was the first street demonstration of the campaign.

All electioneering demonstrations and political meetings had, so far, been held in private places, as the Government had banned street demonstrations.—Reuter.

Over-Excited By Gangster Film

New York, Feb. 6.—Nine-year-old Martin De Angelis, carried away by an exciting gangster film here, drew a pistol and shot his 10-year-old playmate, Edward Ryan, in the cheek.

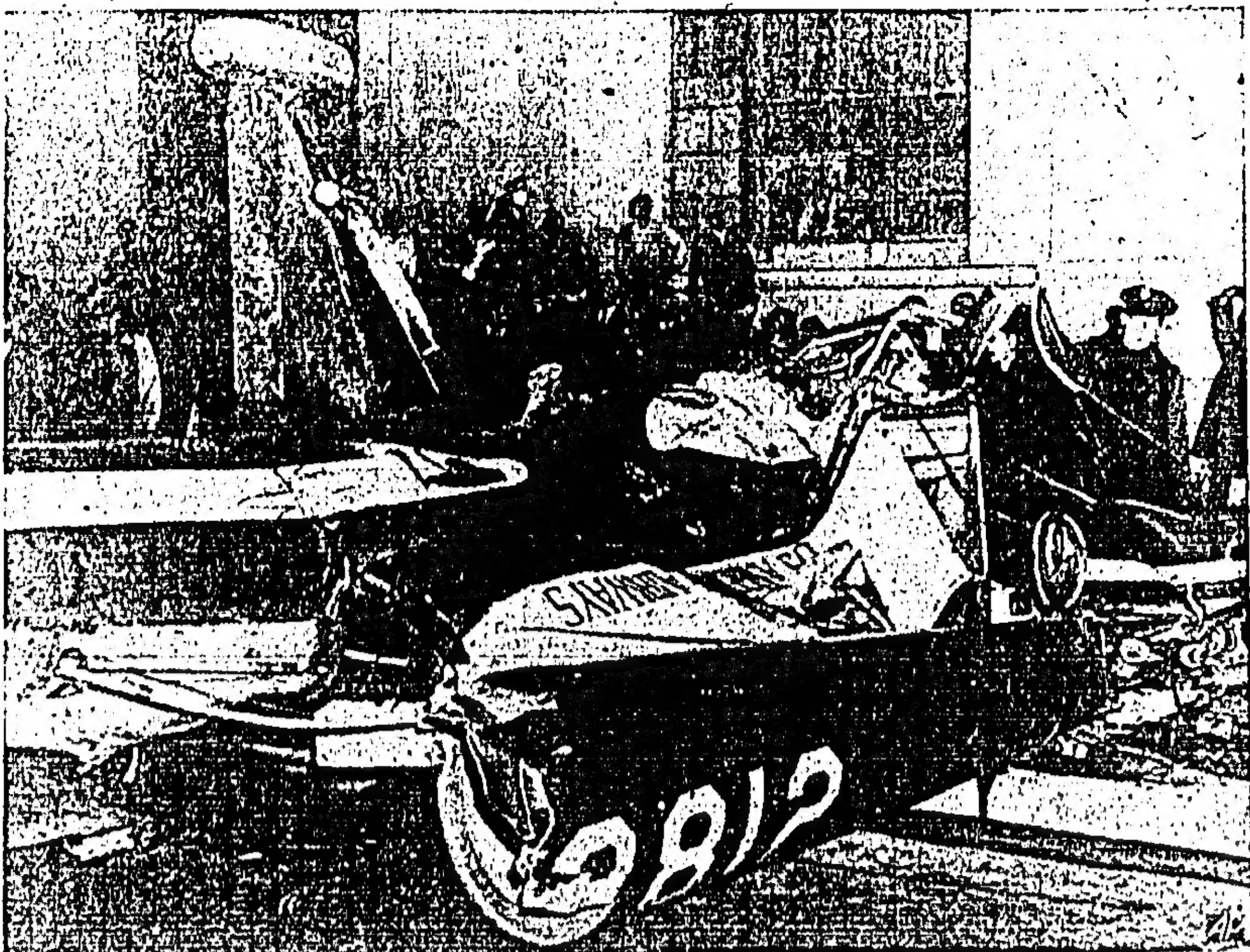
The police said Martin fired the shot in the final scene, where FBI and Scotland Yard agents were running down a gang of thieves and murderers.

"Maybe he thought he could help," they said.

The theatre was thrown into an uproar by the shot but the manager started the next film and the audience was soon calmed.

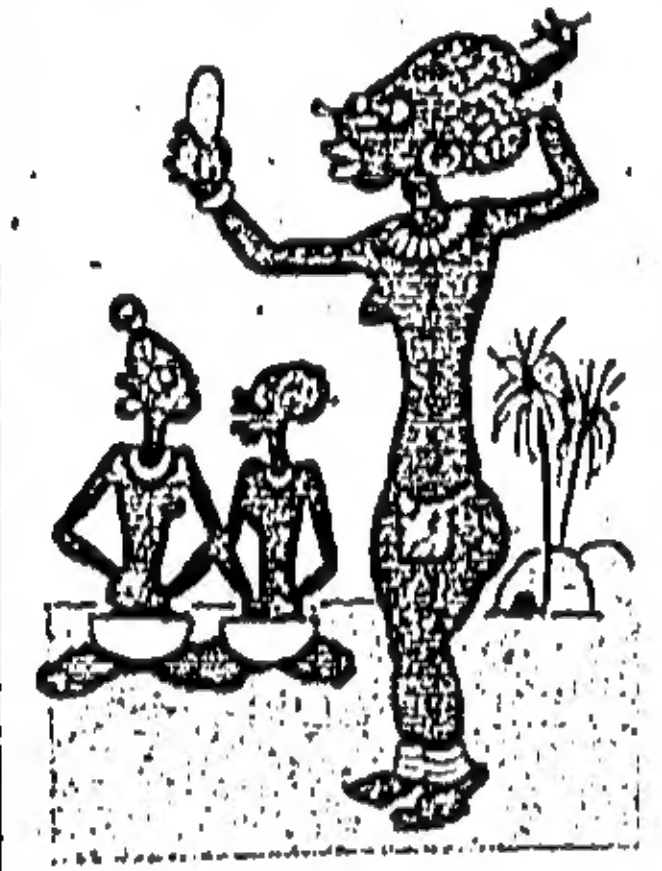
The wounded boy was sent to hospital where his injury was found to be slight.—Reuter.

Mail-Carrying Helicopter Crashes



This is the wreckage of a mail-carrying helicopter which crashed in a takeoff from the roof of the Los Angeles Terminal Annex post office. The pilot, Harry A. Stemmmons, was killed. The crash cause is being investigated.—AP Picture.

POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



"I suppose that now we've been nominated Miss Groundnuts 1949 it would be beneath our dignity to help with the washing-up."

INDIA'S BIG ROLE FOR THE FUTURE

New York, Feb. 6.—India is in a position to mediate in peninsular and inland Asia and can be an effective guarantee for world peace, according to Professor A. Chakravarty, of Calcutta University, now in the United States as visiting professor of English at Harvard University.

In a letter to the New York Times today, he urged democratic relations between the East and West. Individual protests in the United Nations or outside are not enough, he declared, adding:

"The Asian Conference which has been established to check racism and retaliation in the East and provide a constructive basis for the rightful adjustment of Asia's near and distant neighbours is an opportunity which the Western democracies cannot afford to miss."

GREAT ASIA SPIRIT

"This conference is not opposed to any country or people. It is not anti-European or anti-American or anti-Western."

"These words, uttered in the spirit of Tagore and Mahatma Gandhi and profoundly reflecting the traditional mind of the East, were not easy to deliver into the contest of an anguished Asia suffering from a brutal and cowardly attack by a militant Western nation state."

"If the Christian West does not wholly implement this spirit of a great Asia and of a great civilisation, it will not only have alienated the gravely imperilled peoples of Indonesia, China, and other Eastern countries still unsure about their prospects, but weakened its own foundation during a period when we need each other in saving democracy itself from a darkening force."—Reuter.

Tremor Puts Phones Out Of Order

Athens, Feb. 6.—Telephone communications with Patras on the Gulf of Patras were still interrupted today as a result of an earth tremor, recorded yesterday by the Athens Observatory as situated in the Patras area.

The tremor was described as of "moderate intensity." There were so far no further details, the Athens news agency said tonight.—Reuter.

European Union In Three Years' Time?

Paris, Feb. 6.—Mr Ronald W. G. Mackay, MP, and advocate of a union of Europe, said today that a European Union was a certainty and might be only two or three years away.

The short, energetic MP, here for a two-day meeting of the European Parliamentary Union Council, said draft recommendations for the Council of Europe, made public yesterday in London, were the "beginning of a Federation of Western Europe."

"Perhaps I am optimistic, but I venture to say this will be a reality within two or three years," he told the United Press.

"People in America don't realise that different groups have been working to bring about a European Federation. The Governments aren't ready for it yet, but it will come. The fact that Governments are going to call an official assembly means there will be a European Union."

"This Assembly, when it meets, can recommend a constitutional convention to be held to draw up plans for a United States of Europe," he added.

STUMBLING BLOCK

Mr Mackay said the major stumbling block in the way of an all-out European Union now was the British Government—it the same time, he thinks it unfair to say the British Labour Government is against a European Union. It has, paradoxically, done more to advance the European Union than any other, by making the Marshall Plan work and favouring a Council of Europe, Mr Mackay said.

The British Government's approach to European union is a gradual one, he continued. It points out that the organisation for European economic co-operation is in the economic field, the Western Union in the military field, and now the Council of Europe in the political field.

According to Mr Mackay, a United States of Europe, with a strong economy and a population of 275,000,000, would be a bulwark against the further spread of Communism and one which Britain would not dare to attack.—United Press.

Pope To Protest

Vatican City, Feb. 6.—An authoritative Vatican source said today that Pope Pius would speak out directly against the trial of Cardinal Mindszenty "at the first opportunity after sentence is known."

No definite time has been set for such a speech, the source pointed out. "The Pontiff will merely take the first opportunity offered by any public speech to speak directly against the trial, as he did following the trial of Archbishop Alois Stojanovic of Zagreb," the source said.

The source added that the Pope spent a good part of today studying reports on the trial and all information he could obtain on the case.—United Press.

BRITISH OFFICIAL FOR TEL-AVIV

London, Feb. 6.—Mr A. K. Helm, British Minister to Budapest, has been appointed British Representative at Tel-Aviv, following Britain's de facto recognition of the Provisional Government of Israel, the Foreign Office announced tonight.

Pending Mr Helm's arrival in the Israeli capital, Mr Cyril Marriott, British Consul-General at Haifa, will be Acting British Representative at Tel-Aviv.—Reuter.

REBELS CORNERED

Athens, Feb. 6.—Greek Nationalist forces killed 38 guerrillas and captured 33 when a rebel band was cornered near Kleitoria in North-Central Peloponnese, according to a bulletin issued today by the Ministry of War.

The Nationalists suffered no casualties.—Associated Press.

Constitution For Western Germany

WORK STARTS ON A DRAFT THIS WEEK

Bonn, Rhineland, Feb. 6.—After five months of concentrated study, the Constituent Assembly set up here to hammer out a Constitution for Western Germany will this week begin voting on a draft.

The draft is a compromise which has already been agreed upon by all non-Communist parties. The draft provides for a Federal and democratic regime, with a Parliamentary government, an Upper House representing the States and guarantees of individual rights.

While broadly in accord with the outlines of a "desirable" German constitution laid down in the London six-power agreement of last June, it deviates from the Allied recommendations in one important aspect—a greater tendency towards the centralisation of financial power.

It is considered possible that the Assembly, after voting on the draft, will make a statement to the Allies setting out the reasons for their financial proposals.

The German leaders are anxious to secure Allied approval, and will probably remind the Allies that the London directive said specifically that the German draft should not be judged on individual points, but on its spirit "as a whole."—Reuter.

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